

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2026

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RE: H.B. No. 1671
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1671
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permit licensed dental
hygienists to place interim therapeutic restorations under the
general supervision of a licensed dentist in public health
settings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Hawaii Board of Dentistry; Kōkua
Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; AlohaCare; Hawai'i
Oral Health Coalition; Hawaii Dental Service; Hawaii Dental
Hygienists' Association; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and six
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Hawaii Dental Association.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii continues to face
significant and preventable oral health disparities, particularly
among children, neighbor island residents, Native Hawaiians, and
individuals from lower-income households. Your Committee further
finds that interim therapeutic restorations are an effective,
minimally invasive, and evidence-based strategy for addressing
tooth decay when dental restoration in a traditional setting is



not feasible. Interim therapeutic restorations are also a type of therapy that can be safely carried out by a dental hygienist under the general supervision of a dentist. This measure seeks to improve oral health outcomes, promote health equity, and support more efficient delivery of dental care across the State by removing unnecessary restrictions on the types of treatment that may be performed by a supervised dental hygienist.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1671, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1671, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



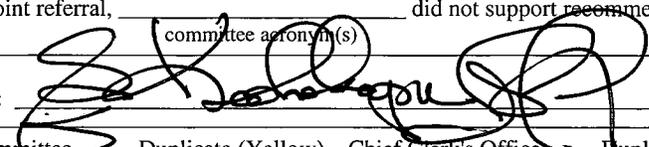
GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



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The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1671</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, CPC</i>	Date: <i>2/13/26</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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