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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DENTAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 448-9.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§448-9.4 [American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)-~~  
4 ~~examination; regional examinations.] Dental licensure~~  
5 examination. An applicant shall take and pass [~~the ADEX~~  
6 ~~examination,~~] a national dental licensure examination as  
7 approved by the board, and neither the state examination nor any  
8 regional examination shall be accepted."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report Title:**

Dental Licensure; Examination

**Description:**

Provides the Board of Dental Examiners with the ability to determine which national examination to accept by no longer requiring that the American Board of Dental Examiners ("ADEX") examination be the national examination that can be accepted for licensure.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DENTAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION.

PURPOSE: The bill amends the licensing examination requirement for dentists by no longer requiring that the American Board of Dental Examiners ("ADEX") examination be the national examination that can be accepted for licensure, effectively providing the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") with the ability to determine which national examination to accept.

MEANS: Amend section 448-9.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The current language in Hawaii law requires that dentists seeking licensure in Hawaii must pass the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination. The examination is entitled "ADLEX."

At present, there is only one testing agency left to administer the ADLEX examination, the North East Regional Board ("NERB"). All other testing agencies - the Central Regional Dental Testing Service ("CRDTS"), the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies ("CITA"), the Southern Regional Testing Agency ("SRTA"), and the Western Regional Examining Board ("WREB") have since left ADEX and administer their own examinations. It is uncertain whether the ADLEX will remain a viable national examination.

The purpose of this bill is to keep the statute flexible, thereby enabling the Board to accept other qualified national examinations.

Impact on the public: This bill will better protect the consumer by allowing the Board

to accept the best high standard national dental licensure examination.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

There may be minimal logistical challenges caused by switching from the ADLEX examination to another national examination if the Board decides to make such a switch.

No impact foreseen for other agencies.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: CCA-105.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.