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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Tuesday, March 16, 2010
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2700, S.D.1, RELATING TO THE DENTAL
LICENSURE EXAMINATION.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jeffrey Miyazawa, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of this Administration bill, but respectfully requests amendments to S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1, Relating to the Dental Licensure Examination.

The purpose of S.B. No. 2700 as originally proposed by the Board was to allow flexibility in determining which dental examination will be accepted for licensure as the effort to establish one national dental examination through the American Board of Dental Examiners ("ADEX") has met with many setbacks and there are many uncertainties due to the fact that only one regional testing agency currently administers the ADEX dental licensure examination. S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1, amended the bill to allow for the acceptance of the ADEX examination or the Central Regional Dental Testing Service ("CRDTS") national dental examination.

Your Committee previously heard companion bill House Bill No. 2547 and deferred the original bill. In moving out S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1, the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection urged the Board and the Hawaii Dental

Association ("HDA") to work together toward the common goal of increasing access to high-quality dental care in this State. As a result, the Board has had dialogue with HDA and believes there is an understanding that the bill should further be amended to only accept the CRDTS national dental examination for licensure.

Currently, CRDTS has developed and administers its own national dental examination which is recognized by 37 states. As a member of CRDTS, the Board has representation and is an equal participant in the dental examination. Moreover, the Board already requires the CRDTS national dental hygiene examination for licensure of dental hygienists.

Therefore, the Board requests that S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1 be amended by allowing for the passage of the CRDTS national dental examination for licensure of dentists in Hawaii. In addition, in fairness to the students and residents trying to meet the current requirements, the Board requests for the grandfathering of students currently attending the ADEX schools and who are in the curriculum integrated format ("CIF") until June 30, 2013. Moreover, the Board requests that the effective date of the bill be August 1, 2010 as the Board will be administering the ADEX examination in July 2010.

Attached is an amended S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1 for your consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of amending S.B. No. 2700, S.D.1.

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S.B. NO. 2700,
S.D.1
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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:

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

"~~§448-9.4 [American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination; regional examinations.]~~ Dental licensure examination. An applicant shall take and pass the [~~ADEX~~] American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) or the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) national dental examination[~~, and neither the state examination nor any regional examination shall be accepted~~]."

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect August 1, 2010; provided that students currently attending the ADEX schools and who are in the curriculum integrated format ("CIF") shall be allowed to pass the ADEX examination until June 30, 2013.