

HB 1381, HD2

Measure Title:

**RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL
LICENSING**

Description:

Limits licensure by endorsement or reciprocity for nonresident military spouses to those spouses who are present in the State for at least one year pursuant to DOD orders. Limits consideration of military service or training for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity to veterans honorably discharged within two years of application and excludes medical doctors, dentists, CPAs, and other licencees for which specified endorsement or reciprocity regulations exist. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB1381 HD2)



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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND
VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Thursday, March 14, 2013
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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1381, H.D. 2, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL
AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING.**

THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

The purpose of House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2, is to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 436B-14.7 and Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to require licensing authorities to consider processes for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity for military spouses and service members.

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While the Department supports the intent of the bill, we have concerns regarding Section 2 of the bill which exempts medical doctors, dentists, and certified public accountants from the requirements of Act 248. We do not understand the rationale for this exemption, as it tends to defeat the purpose of the Act, which is to require the licensing authority to consider an applicant's military education, training, or service. We do, however, have no objections to the language exempting a licensing authority that is subject to specific provisions regulating licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity pursuant to another chapter.

In addition, we are unclear if the proposed exemption for medical doctors, dentists, and certified public accountants applies to the requirement that the licensing authority consider their relevant military education, training, licensure examinations, or service, or if they are exempt from meeting the honorable discharge requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1381, H.D. 2.