A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEMPORARY LICENSURE OF DENTISTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. There is a need to attract additional dentists
- 2 who are willing to provide much needed dental care services for
- 3 residents in underserved communities or populations statewide.
- 4 Of particular concern are persons with disabilities, persons
- 5 with mental illness, and the aging population who experience
- 6 limited access to appropriate care as a consequence of their
- 7 unique and challenging clinical management needs.
- 8 Given ongoing, unmet oral health needs in many communities
- 9 or populations, expansion of temporary licensure, to provide for
- 10 a full array of dental services by department of health
- 11 employees or individuals contracted with the department, will
- 12 increase the potential to plan for and ensure access to basic
- 13 dental care.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to amend a dentistry statute to
- 15 provide a temporary license to practice dentistry to dentists
- 16 who are employed by or under contract with the department of
- 17 health.

SECTION 2. Section 448-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 2 "(b) The board of dental examiners may issue, without 3 examination, to any resident or nonresident licensed in another 4 state and otherwise qualified to be examined a temporary license 5 6 to practice dentistry while in the employment of or under contract with the department of health, to provide dental 7 services [to Hansen's disease sufferers]. The temporary license 8 shall be valid for a period of three years [or until the first 9 10 board examination after the conclusion of the three year period and only while the]. The person to whom the temporary license 11 is issued is in the employment of or under contract with the 12 department of health [and works] shall work under the general 13 direction and supervision of a duly licensed dentist[. The] 14 employed by the department of health. After the period of three 15 years, the temporary license [shall not be reviewed and] shall 16 be reviewed annually by the board of dental examiners for 17 continuance and shall be subject to revocation and suspension as 18 provided in section 448-17. The temporary licensee shall not be 19 eligible for examination by the board of dental examiners while 20 the temporary license is in effect." 21

| 1 | SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed |
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| 2 | and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. |
| 3 | SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. |
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Report Title:

Temporary Licensure; Dentistry

Description:

Amends the dentistry statutes to provide for temporary licensure to practice dentistry while in the employment of or under contract with the Department of Health.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT:

Health

TITLE:

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY

LICENSURE OF DENTISTS.

PURPOSE:

Allow individuals who are employed or under

contract with the Department of Health (DOH)

to qualify for a temporary license to

practice dentistry under the supervision of

DOH's staff dentists.

MEANS:

Amend section 448-12(b), Hawaii Revised

Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION:

DOH's recruitment of dentists is generally limited to the pool of individuals who maintain active Hawaii licenses to practice. Given unmet dental needs throughout the State, particularly in rural areas and services for persons with disabilities, mental illness, and the aging population, this measure would enable the DOH to recruit more dentists to serve these targeted,

identified areas.

Impact on the public: Allow for improved
responsiveness to public oral health needs.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
The DOH will be able to effectively utilize existing personnel or contract individuals who may qualify for temporary licensure to provide dental services for underserved communities or populations.

GENERAL FUND:

None.

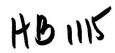
OTHER FUNDS:

None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION:

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OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES:

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.