HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. <sup>1379</sup> H.D. 2

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1	SECTION 1	• S	ection	453-4.5,	Hawaii	Revised	Statutes,	is
2	amended to rea	d as	follow	vs:				

3 "§453-4.5 Foreign medical graduates; alternative

4 qualifications. Notwithstanding section 453-4(b)(2)(B), a

5 graduate of a foreign medical school [who has passed] may be

6 licensed by the Hawaii medical board under section 453-4(c) if

7 the graduate:

8 (1) Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or 9 the United States Medical Licensing Examination 10 (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory 11 12 to the board, passed the qualifying examination of the 13 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates 14 [prior to 1984], and has at least three years of 15 medical training or experience in a hospital approved 16 by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of 17 the American Medical Association for internship or

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1		residency [may be licensed by the Hawaii medical board
2		under section 453-4(c).]; or
3	(2)	Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or
4		the United States Medical Licensing Examination
5		(USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as
6		approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory
7		to the board, possesses an Educational Commission for
8		Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and has
9		successfully completed two years of post-graduate
10		medical training in an Accreditation Council for
11		Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic
12		Association approved or Canadian program that has been
13		accredited for resident training by the Royal College
14		of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or by the
15		College of Family Physicians of Canada; provided that
16		if the post-graduate medical training involves a
17		subspecialty clinical fellowship program, the board
18		may accept post-graduate medical training in a
19		hospital that has an Accreditation Council for
20		Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic

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1	Association or accredited Canadian post graduate
2	medical training program in the parent specialty."
3	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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#### Report Title:

Foreign Medical Graduates; Licensure; Hawaii Medical Board

#### Description:

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Allows a pathway for foreign medical school graduates to be licensed as physicians that was previously only available to graduates who passed the qualifying examination of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates before 1984. Establishes an alternative pathway for the licensure as physicians for foreign medical graduates who passed certain examinations, possess an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and have completed two years of post-graduate medical training. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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