H.B. NO. 3208

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) Applicants applying for a license to practice as a registered nurse by examination shall submit to the board proof of eligibility. Applicants shall be eligible to apply for a license by examination if they have:

(1) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an educational institution in the United States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the United States and are qualified as determined by the board through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91; or

(2) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an educational institution in a foreign jurisdiction, and have had their transcripts evaluated by professional evaluators designated by the board and are considered qualified as determined by the board through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91[~~.~~]; or

(3) Graduated with a bachelor's degree and satisfactorily completed the pre-licensure portion of a master's entry program in nursing at an accredited school of nursing in the United States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the United States which is recognized by the board or other state boards of nursing and are qualified as determined by the board, through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

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Report Title:
University of Hawaii; Nursing License

Description:
To provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of a master's entry program in nursing to apply as a registered nurse by examination.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT:	University of Hawaii
TITLE:	A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING.
PURPOSE:	To provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of a master's entry nursing program to apply for a license as a registered nurse by examination.
MEANS:	Amend section 457-7(f), Hawaii Revised Statutes.
JUSTIFICATION:	This amendment clarifies that the students in this program are able to enter the workforce to address the nursing shortage in Hawaii. Impact on the public: None. Impact on the department and other agencies: None.
GENERAL FUND:	None.
OTHER FUNDS:	None.
PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION:	UOH 100
OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES:	None.
EFFECTIVE DATE:	Upon approval.