HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRAINING.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a severe 1 2 shortage of primary care health providers in the State, which threatens the health of our residents and affects health care 3 This shortage has pushed the federal government to 4 costs. designate a number of areas in the State, particularly rural 5 areas, as medically underserved areas, health professional 6 7 shortage areas, or as having medically underserved populations. 8 The legislature further finds that family physicians are well-suited to rural health care due to the broad scope of their 9 10 practice, which encompasses inpatient, outpatient, and nursing 11 home settings, and addresses acute, chronic, and preventive health across the life cycle. Many family physicians also 12 provide maternity care, family planning, and mental health 13

14 services through their practices.

15 The University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine 16 currently offers a three-year residency program in family 17 medicine. The program emphasizes a system-based and

18 interdisciplinary team approach to health care. The mission of HB1477 SD2 LRB 07-3934.doc



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the family medicine residency program is to meet the needs of 1 rural and medically underserved areas and populations in Hawaii 2 in a culturally sensitive and medically appropriate manner. 3 Family medicine program residents not only provide health care, 4 but also provide education and outreach at schools and community 5 events. Presently, family medicine program residents spend two 6 months in a federally-funded rural health care training 7 demonstration project, initiated in Hilo in 2006, in which 8 residents learn how to provide health care to medically 9 underserved patients in rural areas as they rotate among private 10 physician offices, emergency departments, and the community, 11 providing outreach and education. It is anticipated that the 12 Hilo rural health training program will be duplicated on Kauai. 13 Additional training sites will be developed in conjunction with 14 the health master planning process underway in Maui and with the 15 hospital and community health center system on Kauai. As these 16 sites are being developed, the curriculum can be structured so 17 that family medicine residents have the opportunity to rotate to 18 neighbor island sites other than Hilo. 19

20 The purpose of this Act is to increase access to primary 21 health care services provided by family physicians or residents 22 in the family medicine residency program at the University of HB1477 SD2 LRB 07-3934.doc

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1 Hawaii to medically underserved residents in rural areas of the 2 State by appropriating funds to: 3 (1)Support and expand the family medicine residency program of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns 4 school of medicine's department of family medicine and 5 community health to provide rural primary health care 6 7 services; and (2)Develop a permanent statewide rural primary health 8 9 care training program in the county of Hawaii to 10 expand the rural health care training available for 11 individuals in the family medicine residency program 12 of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of 13 medicine. SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 14 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof 16 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the sum of \$1 17 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 18 to support and expand the family medicine residency program of 19 the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine's 20 department of family medicine and community health to provide 21 rural primary health care services.

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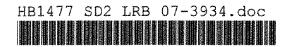
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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof 3 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 4 5 to develop a statewide rural primary health care training 6 program to provide family physicians to rural areas and improve health care access for the people of Hawaii. 7 8 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated in sections 2 and 3 of 9 this Act shall be expended by the University of Hawaii John A.

10 Burns school of medicine for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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Report Title:

Primary Health Care; Rural Areas

Description:

Appropriates funds to: (1) develop a statewide rural primary health care training program; and (2) support the family medicine residency program of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine's department of family medicine and community health. Effective July 1, 2020. (SD2)