
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT
KONA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the development of a
2 hospital-based family practice graduate medical education
3 program could help alleviate the physician shortage problem on
4 the island of Hawaii. Family practice residency programs
5 normally run for three years. Residents rotate through various
6 hospital inpatient service areas such as family medicine,
7 inpatient services, obstetrics, and pediatrics, in addition to
8 outpatient or clinic-based services.

9 A family practice residency program would require
10 accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
11 Education, which charges an initial application fee of \$4,000
12 and annual program fees of \$3,500. However, accreditation
13 enables partial reimbursement of some program expenses by the
14 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

15 Family practice residency program residents receive a
16 modest stipend of approximately \$45,000 per year plus various
17 benefits such as educational travel and books, housing



1 allowance, paid vacation, meal allowance, clothing allowance,
2 medical and dental insurance for residents and their immediate
3 family, life and disability insurance, and malpractice
4 insurance. A total of \$877,500 is estimated to support a full
5 program of five residents per year for three years. The family
6 practice residency program would also require a full-time
7 physician director to oversee residents in a clinical setting, a
8 program manager, and administrative and support staff. Salaries
9 and benefits are estimated at approximately \$750,000 annually.
10 Furthermore, the family practice residency program will require
11 part-time or adjunct faculty to oversee residents' clinical
12 rotations at an estimated cost of \$300,000 per year. Finally,
13 office space, program administration, office equipment,
14 furniture, maintenance, and other costs are estimated at
15 \$250,000 per year.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to fund a
17 three-year family practice residency program based at Kona
18 Community Hospital on the island of Hawaii to help alleviate the
19 physician shortage problem on the island of Hawaii.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,177,500 or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the



1 first year in a three-year family practice residency program
2 based at Kona Community Hospital on the island of Hawaii.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 health for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Family Practice Residency Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$2,177,500 the 1st year in a 3-year family practice residency program based at Kona Community Hospital on the island of Hawaii.

