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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the limited supply
2 of physicians and the attractiveness of private practice inhibit
3 the efforts of the department of health to provide primary
4 medical care in certain rural communities of the State. The
5 legislature further finds that, regardless of the amount of
6 tuition a student at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
7 School of Medicine may pay for a course of study leading to the
8 awarding of a medical doctor degree, the State substantially
9 subsidizes the education of these medical school students.

10 The purpose of this Act is to provide an opportunity for
11 physicians who have graduated from the University of Hawaii John
12 A. Burns school of medicine and completed their residency, to
13 repay their debt by serving in rural communities in the State.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§304A- Graduates of school of medicine; service in
2 rural communities within the State. Each student who:

3 (1) Is a graduate of the University of Hawaii John A.
4 Burns school of medicine;

5 (2) Has completed residency whether in this State or
6 another state; and

7 (3) Has obtained a license to practice medicine:

8 (A) Within the State pursuant to chapter 453 or 460;
9 or

10 (B) In another state under the laws of another state,
11 shall be required to work as a practicing physician in a rural
12 community within the State pursuant to section 453- ."

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§453- Mandatory service in rural community; who;
17 duration; when; penalty; rules. (a) Each person who:

18 (1) Is a graduate of the University of Hawaii John A.
19 Burns school of medicine;

20 (2) Has completed residency whether in this State or in
21 another state; and

22 (3) Has obtained a license to practice medicine:



1 (A) Within the State pursuant to chapter 453; or
2 (B) In another state under the laws of another state,
3 shall be required to work in a rural community within the State
4 for a total of two years and shall complete those two years of
5 work no later than _____ years of obtaining a license to
6 practice medicine; provided that the two years of work need not
7 be performed consecutively as long as the person works a total
8 of twenty-four full calendar months. If a person has obtained a
9 license to practice in another state, that person shall first
10 obtain a license to practice in this State under chapter 453
11 prior to working in the State to fulfill the obligations of this
12 subsection.

13 (b) A person subject to subsection (a) who does not comply
14 with subsection (a) shall pay a civil fine of not more than
15 \$_____.

16 (c) The board of medical examiners shall adopt rules in
17 accordance with chapter 91 to implement this section."

18 SECTION 4. Chapter 460, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
20 and to read as follows:

21 "§460- Mandatory service in rural community; who;
22 duration; when; penalty; rules. (a) Each person who:



1 (1) Is a graduate of the University of Hawaii John A.
2 Burns school of medicine;
3 (2) Has completed residency whether in this State or in
4 another state; and
5 (3) Has obtained a license to practice osteopathy:
6 (A) Within the State pursuant to chapter 460; or
7 (B) In another state under the laws of another state,
8 shall be required to work in a rural community within the State
9 for a total of two years and shall complete those two years of
10 work no later than _____ years of obtaining a license to
11 practice medicine; provided that the two years of work need not
12 be performed consecutively as long as the person works a total
13 of twenty-four full calendar months. If a person has obtained a
14 license to practice in another state, that person shall first
15 obtain a license to practice in this State under chapter 460
16 prior to working in the State to fulfill the obligations of this
17 subsection.

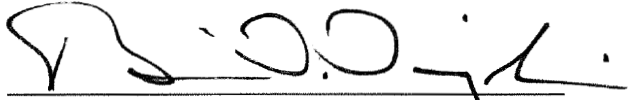

18 (b) A person subject to subsection (a) who does not comply
19 with subsection (a) shall be fined no more than \$ _____.

20 (c) The board of osteopathic examiners shall adopt rules
21 in accordance with chapter 91 to implement this section."

22 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009,
2 and apply to any person who graduates from the University of
3 Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine after that date.

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INTRODUCED BY: 
by request 



Report Title:

Rural Health Care; Mandatory Work; UH School of Medicine

Description:

Requires all graduates from the University of Hawaii school of medicine who have completed residency and are licensed to practice medicine to work 2 years in a rural community in the State. Imposes penalty for noncompliance. Requires board of medical examiners to adopt rules.

