
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION HOSPITALS AND CLINICS TO ACCEPT MEDICAL STUDENT ROTATIONS FROM A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE BASED OUT OF THE WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER, THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, AND OTHER HAWAII-BASED MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, a severe shortage of health care providers
2 currently exists, particularly in the rural and medically
3 underserved areas of the state; and
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5 WHEREAS, aside from Oahu, most of the state is federally
6 designated as Medically Underserved Areas, Medically Underserved
7 Populations, or Health Professional Shortage Areas; and
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9 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to provide high quality
10 primary care services to already underserved populations with
11 disparate health indicators; and
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13 WHEREAS, maternal and child health risk, cardiovascular
14 risk, and socio-economic risk are greatest in rural Hawaii; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health's 1999
17 statistics, the top ten highest risk areas are all located in
18 rural communities; and
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20 WHEREAS, the need for physicians in rural areas will only
21 increase with the aging population and projected population
22 growth on the neighbor islands; and
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24 WHEREAS, national studies have demonstrated that
25 substantial residency training in rural areas increases
26 placement and retention of physicians in rural practices; and



1 WHEREAS, providing Hawaii's medical students with hospital
2 rotations in the state's rural areas is also of critical
3 importance to promoting the development of "roots" in the
4 communities they may one day serve; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)
7 comprises Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Ka'u
8 Hospital (East Hawaii Region); Kona Community Hospital and
9 Kohala Hospital (West Hawaii Region); Maui Memorial Medical
10 Center, Lanai Community Hospital, and Kula Hospital (Maui
11 Region); Leahi Hospital and Maluhia (Oahu Region); Kauai
12 Veterans Memorial Hospital and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital
13 (Kauai Region); Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home - Hilo;
14 Roselani Place - Maui; Ali'i Health Center - West Hawaii; and
15 affiliate HHSC facility Kahuku Medical Center - Oahu; and
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17 WHEREAS, HHSC is heavily state subsidized to continue
18 providing medical services throughout the state and in most
19 cases HHSC facilities are the only healthcare facilities in the
20 rural areas of the state; and
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22 WHEREAS, HHSC's objective to provide health care services
23 to the people of Hawaii is in line with the goals of students in
24 Hawaii-based medical schools; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds HHSC is obligated as a
27 state-funded hospital system to provide Hawaii-based medical
28 students with the medical rotations they need in any of the HHSC
29 facilities; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
33 that HHSC is urged to accept medical student rotations from A.T.
34 Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine based out of the
35 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, the University of
36 Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, and other Hawaii-based
37 medical schools; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HHSC and the Hawaii Primary
2 Care Association are requested to work together to develop a
3 plan for placing students from the A.T. Still University School
4 of Osteopathic Medicine based out of the Waianae Coast
5 Comprehensive Health Center, the University of Hawaii John A.
6 Burns School of Medicine, and other Hawaii-based medical schools
7 in HHSC facilities for medical student rotations; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
11 Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation,
12 Dean of John A. Burns School of Medicine, Chief Executive
13 Officer of Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and the
14 Executive Director of the Hawaii Medical Association.

