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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that changes in  
2 demographics, the delivery of health care services, and the  
3 escalating costs of education have resulted in severe shortages  
4 of health care professionals. A poor distribution of health  
5 care professionals has resulted in a surplus of these  
6 professionals in some areas of the state and a shortage in other  
7 parts of the state, particularly in the more rural areas. The  
8 rural shortage areas often require more services because the  
9 health care needs are greater due to socio-economic or  
10 geographic circumstances. The salary potential for shortage  
11 areas is often not as favorable when compared to non-shortage  
12 areas resulting in many health care practitioners being  
13 financially unable to serve in those shortage areas.

14           The legislature finds that to successfully address the  
15 health care shortage areas within the state, the following  
16 programs need to be implemented:



- 1           (1) Loan repayment program: Such a program should be  
2           structured to obtain federal matching funds that would  
3           be used to repay eligible student loans in exchange  
4           for a service commitment by physicians and dentists  
5           practicing in health professional shortage areas; and
- 6           (2) Recruitment program: Such a program would not receive  
7           federal matching funds. Incentives would be awarded  
8           to public or private nonprofit organizations,  
9           communities, or recruitment health professionals  
10          practicing in areas designated by the department of  
11          business, economic development, and tourism that are  
12          experiencing a shortage of health care professionals.  
13          Unlike the loan repayment program, this program will  
14          be open to all health care professionals, including  
15          but not limited to physicians, dentists, mid-level  
16          practitioners, pharmacists, allied health  
17          professionals, and specialists, for example,  
18          orthopedic surgeons, for whom there is an acknowledged  
19          need in some areas of the state. The incentives could  
20          be also used to provide financial support for spouses  
21          and families of recruitment health professionals as  
22          doing so is critical in recruiting and retaining



1 health care professionals in these areas. Finally,  
2 unlike the loan repayment program, recruitment health  
3 professionals would be able to practice in geographic  
4 areas not covered under the loan repayment program.

5 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
7 as follows:

8 "CHAPTER

9 HAWAII HEALTH CORPS PROGRAM

10 PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the  
12 context clearly requires otherwise:

13 "Applicant" means an individual who has submitted a  
14 completed application for the loan repayment program or the  
15 recruitment program and meets the application requirements  
16 established by the department for the respective program.

17 "Approved site" means, for the purposes of the loan  
18 repayment program, a provider site that is a public or nonprofit  
19 private entity located in a health professional shortage area  
20 and approved by the department.

21 "Dentist" means an individual licensed to practice  
22 dentistry in the state under chapter 448.



1 "Department" means the department of business, economic  
2 development, and tourism.

3 "Eligible education" means education and training programs  
4 approved by the department that lead to eligibility for  
5 licensure as a repayment health care professional.

6 "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated  
7 with the costs of acquiring an eligible education such as  
8 tuition, books, equipment, fees, room and board, and other  
9 expenses determined by the department.

10 "Health professional shortage area" means an area in the  
11 state, designated by the department of health, where there are  
12 shortages of health professionals. In making health  
13 professional shortage area designations in the state, the  
14 department of health may be guided by applicable federal  
15 standards.

16 "Incentives" means the cash or in-kind award made to a  
17 recruitment recipient and includes awards made to a spouse or  
18 the family of a recruitment health professional.

19 "Loan repayment program" means the loan repayment program  
20 administered by the department.

21 "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice  
22 medicine in the state pursuant to chapter 453.



1 "Qualifying educational loan" means a government or  
2 commercial loan for eligible educational expenses.

3 "Recruitment health professional" means an individual who  
4 is a health professional, including allopathic and osteopathic  
5 physicians (family practitioners, internists, pediatricians,  
6 obstetricians and gynecologists, and general psychiatrists),  
7 nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, physician  
8 assistants, dentists, registered clinical dental hygienists,  
9 clinical or counseling psychologists, social workers,  
10 psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors,  
11 licensed professional counselors, marriage and family  
12 therapists, and health care specialists.

13 "Recruitment health professional shortage area" means a  
14 health professional shortage area or other area determined by  
15 the department of health to be experiencing a shortage of  
16 recruitment health professionals.

17 "Recruitment program" means the health professional  
18 recruitment and retention program that is administered by the  
19 department.

20 "Recruitment recipient" means either a recruitment health  
21 professional or a public or private nonprofit organization or  
22 community that employs a recruitment health professional.



1 "Repayment health care professional" means a primary care  
2 physician, family care practitioner, internist, pediatrician,  
3 obstetrician, physician assistant, advance practice registered  
4 nurse, naturopathic physician, general psychologist, or general  
5 practice dentist.

6 "Repayment participant" means a repayment health care  
7 professional who has received a loan repayment award and has  
8 commenced practice in a health professional shortage area.

9 **PART II. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

10 **§ -11 Loan repayment program established.** There is  
11 established the loan repayment program within the department.  
12 The loan repayment program shall be administered in a manner  
13 that is consistent with the provisions of 42 United States Code  
14 254q-1, as the same may be amended from time to time.

15 **§ -12 Administration.** The loan repayment program shall  
16 be administered by the department. The department shall:

- 17 (1) Accept applications from interested persons;  
18 (2) Develop criteria for the selection of repayment  
19 participants;  
20 (3) Select repayment health care professionals to  
21 participate in the loan repayment program; provided  
22 that the department shall not select more than twenty



- 1 individuals in one year and have no more than one  
2 hundred individuals participating in the loan  
3 repayment program at any one time, subject to  
4 available funding and the need for repayment health  
5 care professionals in health professional shortage  
6 areas;
- 7 (4) Collect and manage repayments from repayment  
8 participants who do not meet their service obligations  
9 under this chapter, including enforcing the remedies  
10 for breach of the service obligation;
- 11 (5) Publicize and market the loan repayment program,  
12 particularly to maximize participation among  
13 individuals in health professional shortage areas;
- 14 (6) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public  
15 and private sources for the loan repayment program;
- 16 (7) Develop criteria for and enter into a contract with  
17 the repayment participant that obligates the repayment  
18 participant to complete the service obligation and to  
19 comply fully with the terms and conditions of the loan  
20 repayment program;
- 21 (8) Administer the recruitment program separately from the  
22 loan repayment program;



- 1 (9) Establish a group, which shall be advisory only,
- 2 comprising representatives from government and the
- 3 health profession, including providers, community
- 4 health centers, and professional organizations, to:
- 5 (A) Assist the department in developing criteria to
- 6 select participants;
- 7 (B) Determine areas having the greatest need for
- 8 health professionals; and
- 9 (C) Advise on other matters related to the
- 10 administration of the loan repayment program.

11 The same members may serve on the advisory group for  
 12 the loan repayment program and the recruitment  
 13 program; and

- 14 (10) Take any and all other actions necessary to administer
- 15 the loan repayment program.

16 **§ -13 Eligibility.** To be eligible to participate in the  
 17 loan repayment program, an individual shall:

- 18 (1) Submit an application to the department;
- 19 (2) Have a signed employment agreement or contract with an
- 20 approved site;
- 21 (3) Provide copies of loan documentation;





- 1 (4) Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of  
2 the United States;
- 3 (5) Not have any other outstanding contractual obligations  
4 for health professional services to the federal  
5 government, to a state government, or other entity or  
6 organization unless that service obligation will be  
7 completely satisfied before the contract for the  
8 service obligation under the loan repayment program is  
9 signed;
- 10 (6) Not have a judgment lien against the individual's  
11 property for a debt to the United States;
- 12 (7) Not have a history of failing to comply with, or  
13 inability to comply with, service or payment  
14 obligations;
- 15 (8) Not have defaulted on any federal payment obligation,  
16 even if the creditor considers the obligation to be in  
17 good standing;
- 18 (9) Not have breached a prior service obligation to the  
19 federal, state, or local government or other entity or  
20 organization, even if the obligation was subsequently  
21 satisfied;



- 1           (10) Not have had any federal debt written off as  
2                    uncollectible (pursuant to 31 United States Code  
3                    3711(a)) or had any federal service or payment  
4                    obligation waived;
- 5           (11) Perform the service obligation at an approved site;
- 6           (12) Provide full-time clinical services at an approved  
7                    site;
- 8           (13) Charge for the individual's professional services at  
9                    the usual and customary prevailing rates in the area  
10                  where the services are provided; except that if a  
11                  person is unable to pay the charge, the person may be  
12                  charged at a reduced rate or not charged any fee;
- 13          (14) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the  
14                  patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the  
15                  payment for care will be made pursuant to medicare,  
16                  medicaid, or the state children's health insurance  
17                  program;
- 18          (15) Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title  
19                  XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an  
20                  appropriate agreement with the state agency that  
21                  administers the state plan for medicaid under Title  
22                  XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an



1 appropriate agreement with the state children's health  
2 insurance program to provide service to children under  
3 Title XXI of the Social Security Act;

4 (16) Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if  
5 the service obligation is not completed for any  
6 reason;

7 (17) Be a licensed and qualified repayment health care  
8 professional in the state and maintain licensure and  
9 qualifications during the service obligation period;

10 (18) Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of  
11 repayment health care professionals in the state; and

12 (19) Meet any other requirements that may be established by  
13 the department.

14 **§ -14 Preference and selection.** (a) In selecting  
15 repayment participants, the department shall give first priority  
16 preference to:

17 (1) Graduates of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns  
18 school of medicine or from a school of medicine with  
19 training based in Hawaii;

20 (2) Graduates of a Hawaii residency program; or



- 1 (3) Residents of the state who have obtained residency  
2 through a minimum of three of the following seven  
3 criteria:
- 4 (A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least  
5 twelve months;
  - 6 (B) Legal residence of the applicant's parents;
  - 7 (C) The applicant's place of birth;
  - 8 (D) Location of the high school from which the  
9 applicant graduated;
  - 10 (E) The applicant is a native Hawaiian;
  - 11 (F) Location of the college or university that the  
12 applicant attended; or
  - 13 (G) The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a  
14 John A. Burns school of medicine graduate,  
15 graduate of a Hawaii residency program, or is a  
16 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of  
17 medicine faculty member.
- 18 (b) The department shall give second priority preference  
19 to graduates of out-of-state medical schools, osteopathic  
20 colleges, dental schools, or residency programs.



1 (c) The criteria used to select repayment participants for  
2 the loan repayment program shall be determined by the  
3 department. The criteria may include:

- 4 (1) The need for primary care physicians and dentists in  
5 the health professional shortage areas;
- 6 (2) The willingness of an applicant to work full-time in  
7 the health professional shortage area; or
- 8 (3) The likelihood of the applicant continuing to practice  
9 in the health professional shortage area after the  
10 service obligation has been completed.

11 **§ -15 Eligible expenses.** The department shall only  
12 repay qualifying educational loans.

13 **§ -16 Amount of the award.** Subject to the availability  
14 of funding and need for repayment health care professionals in  
15 health professional shortage areas, the amount of the award  
16 shall be determined by the department but shall not exceed the  
17 maximum amounts permitted to be awarded to repayment  
18 participants under 42 United States Code 254q-1, as the same may  
19 be amended from time to time.

20 **§ -17 Service obligation.** A repayment participant shall  
21 agree to serve full-time at an approved site for a minimum of  
22 two years with the possibility of extending the service



1 obligation for one-year terms for a total service obligation not  
2 to exceed five years. Periods of internship, preceptorship,  
3 clinical training, or other postgraduate training shall not be  
4 counted toward the service obligation.

5       **§ -18 Cancellation of service obligation.** The  
6 department may cancel a contract with a repayment participant  
7 only upon the death of the repayment participant.

8       **§ -19 Waiver of service obligation.** The department may  
9 permanently waive the service obligation upon the documentation  
10 by the repayment participant that a medical condition or a  
11 personal situation makes compliance with the service obligation  
12 permanently impossible, as determined by the department.

13       **§ -20 Suspension.** The department may temporarily  
14 suspend the repayment participant's service obligation upon the  
15 documentation by the repayment participant of a medical  
16 condition or personal situation that makes compliance with the  
17 service obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the  
18 department.

19       **§ -21 Default.** A repayment participant who fails to  
20 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum  
21 of the following:



- 1           (1) The amount paid to or on behalf of a repayment
- 2                   participant for any period of obligated service not
- 3                   served;
- 4           (2) The amount equal to the number of months of obligated
- 5                   service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and
- 6           (3) Interest on the above amount at the maximum prevailing
- 7                   interest rate determined by the Treasurer of the
- 8                   United States from the day of the default;
- 9 provided that the amount the state is entitled to collect shall
- 10 not be less than \$31,000.

11           **§ -22 Hawaii health corps first responder service**

12 **obligation.** If a civil defense or other emergency is proclaimed

13 under section 127-10 or 128-7, physicians and dentists

14 participating in the Hawaii health corps program may be ordered

15 into service by the governor as a critical action relief lineup

16 to serve in areas of the State and in a capacity determined by

17 the director.

18           **§ -23 Hawaii health corps special fund.** (a) There is

19 established within the state treasury a special fund to be known

20 as the Hawaii health corps special fund to be administered and

21 expended by the department.



1 (b) The fund shall be used to provide stipends to  
2 qualifying Hawaii health corps physicians and dentists pursuant  
3 to this chapter.

4 (c) Moneys deposited into the fund shall include  
5 appropriations made by the legislature from general funds,  
6 private contributions, stipend repayments, and interest on and  
7 other income from the fund, which shall be separately accounted  
8 for.

9 § -24 **Rules.** The department may adopt rules under  
10 chapter 91 relating to the loan repayment program.

11 **PART III. RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**

12 § -31 **Established.** There is established the recruitment  
13 program within the department.

14 § -32 **Administration.** The recruitment program shall be  
15 administered by the department and shall:

- 16 (1) Maintain listings of communities and areas within the  
17 state with need for recruitment health professionals;  
18 (2) Maintain listings of recruitment health professionals  
19 interested in working in the communities and areas;  
20 (3) Act as an intermediary between communities or public  
21 or private nonprofit organizations and recruitment





- 1 health professionals desiring to practice in  
2 recruitment health professional shortage areas;
- 3 (4) Work with communities and public or private nonprofit  
4 organizations to recruit and retain recruitment health  
5 professionals to work and live in communities  
6 experiencing a shortage of recruitment health  
7 professionals;
- 8 (5) Work with recruitment health professionals desiring to  
9 work in recruitment health professional shortage  
10 areas;
- 11 (6) Develop funding models for the recruitment program  
12 that provide for security and flexibility for  
13 recruitment health professionals;
- 14 (7) Develop incentive payment structures and packages that  
15 support recruitment health professionals, their  
16 spouses, and families, including but not limited to  
17 professional liability insurance relief, cost of  
18 living allowances, income guarantee payments, housing  
19 allowances, vehicle, vehicle allowance, continuing  
20 medical education, telemedicine capability, waiver of  
21 fees, or providing employment opportunities for the  
22 spouses of recruitment health professionals;



- 1 (8) Work with other agencies to minimize or remove  
2 regulatory barriers to relocating or practicing in  
3 health professional shortage areas;
- 4 (9) Select recruitment recipients using criteria  
5 established by the department;
- 6 (10) Publicize and market the recruitment program;
- 7 (11) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public  
8 and private sources for the recruitment program;
- 9 (12) Administer the recruitment program separately from the  
10 loan repayment program, except to the extent provided  
11 in this chapter;
- 12 (13) Enter into a contract with a recruitment recipient  
13 that obligates the recruitment health professional to  
14 provide the services of the recruitment health  
15 professional in the recruitment health professional  
16 shortage area for the length of the service  
17 obligation;
- 18 (14) Establish a group, which shall be advisory only,  
19 comprising representatives from government and the  
20 health profession, including providers, community  
21 health centers, and professional organizations, to:



1 (A) Assist the department in developing criteria to  
2 select recruitment health professionals;

3 (B) Identify areas having the greatest need for  
4 health professionals; and

5 (C) Advise on other matters related to the  
6 administration of the recruitment program.

7 The same members may serve on the advisory group for  
8 the loan repayment program and the recruitment  
9 program; and

10 (15) Take any and all other actions necessary to administer  
11 the recruitment program.

12 **§ -33 Selection and preference.** (a) In selecting  
13 recruitment recipients, the department shall give first priority  
14 preference to recruitment health professionals who are:

15 (1) Graduates of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns  
16 school of medicine;

17 (2) Graduates of a Hawaii residency program; or

18 (3) Residents of the State of Hawaii who have obtained  
19 residency through a minimum of three of the following  
20 seven criteria:

21 (A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least  
22 twelve months;



- 1 (B) Legal residence of the applicant's parents;
- 2 (C) The applicant's place of birth;
- 3 (D) Location of the high school from which the
- 4 applicant graduated;
- 5 (E) The applicant is native Hawaiian;
- 6 (F) Location of the college or university that the
- 7 applicant attended; or
- 8 (G) The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a
- 9 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
- 10 medicine graduate, graduate of a Hawaii residency
- 11 program, or is a University of Hawaii John A.
- 12 Burns school of medicine faculty member.

13 (b) The department shall give second priority preference  
14 to recruitment health professionals who are graduates of out-of-  
15 state schools or residency programs.

16 (c) The department shall develop criteria for selecting  
17 recruitment recipients. The criteria may include:

- 18 (1) The need for recruitment health professionals in the
- 19 recruitment health professional shortage areas;
- 20 (2) The willingness of an applicant to work full-time in
- 21 the recruitment health professional shortage areas; or



1 (3) The likelihood of the applicant continuing to practice  
2 in the recruitment health professional shortage area  
3 after the service obligation has been completed.

4 § -34 Award of incentives. (a) Incentives shall only  
5 be awarded to recruitment recipients.

6 (b) Subject to available funding and need for recruitment  
7 health professionals in the recruitment health professional  
8 shortage area, the amount of the incentives awarded to each  
9 recruitment recipient shall be determined by the department, but  
10 shall not exceed \$17,500 per recruitment recipient per year.

11 § -35 Eligibility. (a) The recruitment program shall  
12 accept applications from recruitment health professionals, or  
13 public or nonprofit private entities or communities intending to  
14 employ or currently employing a recruitment health professional.

15 (b) To be eligible to participate in the recruitment  
16 program, the recruitment recipient shall:

17 (1) In the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or  
18 community, employ or intend to employ and provide the  
19 services of a recruitment health professional for the  
20 length of the service obligation in the recruitment  
21 health professional shortage area; or



1           (2) In the case of a recruitment health professional,  
2           provide the services of a recruitment health  
3           professional in a recruitment health professional  
4           shortage area.

5           (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in  
6 subsection (a), to be eligible to participate in the recruitment  
7 program, a recruitment health professional shall also:

8           (1) Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of  
9           the United States;

10          (2) Provide full-time services of a recruitment health  
11          professional in the recruitment health professional  
12          shortage area;

13          (3) Charge for the recruitment health professional's  
14          professional services at the usual and customary  
15          prevailing rates in the area where the services are  
16          provided, except that if a person is unable to pay the  
17          charge, the person may be charged at a reduced rate or  
18          not charged any fee;

19          (4) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the  
20          patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the  
21          payment for the care will be made pursuant to



- 1 medicare, medicaid, or the state children's health  
2 insurance program;
- 3 (5) Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title  
4 XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an  
5 appropriate agreement with the state agency that  
6 administers the state plan for medicaid under Title  
7 XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an  
8 appropriate agreement with the state children's health  
9 insurance program to provide service to children under  
10 Title XXI of the Social Security Act;
- 11 (6) Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if  
12 the service obligation is not completed for any  
13 reason;
- 14 (7) Be a licensed and qualified recruitment health  
15 professional in the state and maintain the licensure  
16 and qualifications during the service obligation  
17 period;
- 18 (8) Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of  
19 recruitment health professionals in the state; and
- 20 (9) Meet any other requirements that may be established by  
21 the department.



1           **§ -36 Service obligation.** The recruitment recipient, in  
 2 the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or community,  
 3 shall obligate the recruitment health professional to practice  
 4 full-time in a recruitment health professional shortage area for  
 5 a minimum of two years with the possibility of extending the  
 6 service obligation for one-year terms for a total service  
 7 obligation not to exceed five years. Periods of internship,  
 8 preceptorship, clinical training, or other post-graduate  
 9 training shall not be counted toward the service obligation.

10           **§ -37 Recruitment health professional shortage areas.**  
 11 The recruitment recipients shall be located in and shall provide  
 12 services of a recruitment health professional in a recruitment  
 13 health professional shortage area.

14           **§ -38 Waiver of service obligation.** The department may  
 15 permanently waive the service obligation upon documentation by  
 16 the recruitment health professional that a medical condition or  
 17 a personal situation makes compliance with the service  
 18 obligation permanently impossible, as determined by the  
 19 department.

20           **§ -39 Suspension.** The department may temporarily  
 21 suspend the service obligation upon documentation by the  
 22 recruitment health professional of a medical condition or





1 personal situation that makes compliance with the service  
2 obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the  
3 department.

4       **§ -40 Default.** A recruitment recipient who fails to  
5 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum  
6 of the following:

- 7       (1) The amount paid to or on behalf of a repayment  
8            participant for any period of obligated service not  
9            served;
- 10       (2) The amount equal to the number of months of obligated  
11           service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and
- 12       (3) Interest on the above amount at the maximum prevailing  
13           interest rate determined by the Treasurer of the  
14           United States from the day of the default;
- 15 provided that the amount the State is entitled to collect shall  
16 not be less than \$31,000.

17       **§ -41 Rules.** The department may adopt rules under  
18 chapter 91 relating to the recruitment program.

19                               **PART IV. FIRST RESPONDERS**

20       **§ -51 First responders.** All repayment participants and  
21 all recruitment health professionals participating in the  
22 recruitment program shall commit to serve as first responders in



1 the event of a declared emergency in the State or at the request  
2 of the director of health.

3 **PART V. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS**

4 **§ -61 Coordination.** Notwithstanding that the loan  
5 repayment program and recruitment program shall be administered  
6 separately, the department shall determine the need for  
7 repayment health care professionals and recruitment health  
8 professionals in areas of the state experiencing a shortage of  
9 health care professionals and select participants for the  
10 respective programs.

11 **§ -62 Coordination of funds.** Funds appropriated by the  
12 legislature for the purposes of this chapter or received from  
13 private sources may be allocated by the department between the  
14 loan repayment program and recruitment program based on the need  
15 for the funds and need for either repayment health care  
16 professionals or recruitment health professionals within the  
17 State."

18 SECTION 3. (a) The department of business, economic  
19 development, and tourism shall implement the Hawaii health corps  
20 program no later than June 30, 2010.

21 (b) For the purposes of efficiency in the implementation  
22 of this new program, the department shall award a minimum of



1 thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the first year of  
2 the program, an additional thirty stipends of \$30,000 per  
3 recipient in the second year of the program, and an additional  
4 thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the third year of  
5 the program. Thereafter, the department shall award annually a  
6 maximum of one hundred stipends.

7 (c) The director of business, economic development, and  
8 tourism shall report to the legislature on the status of the  
9 Hawaii health corps program no later than twenty days prior to  
10 the convening of each regular session of the legislature  
11 beginning with the regular session of 2010.

12 SECTION 4. If any part of this Act is found to be in  
13 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed  
14 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the  
15 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent  
16 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly  
17 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the  
18 remainder of this Act in its application to the agencies  
19 concerned. The rules under this Act shall meet federal  
20 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of  
21 federal funds by the State.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2010-2011 to carry out the purposes this Act.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
7 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
8 of this Act.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Corps Program; Physician Shortage; Health Care

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii health corps program to address physician shortages in rural areas of the State; establishes a loan repayment program and an incentive plan for the recruitment of health care professionals to serve shortage areas. (SB169 HD1)

