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ANALYSIS

Hawai'i Health Corps Special Fund

H.B. Nos. 599 and 906 and
S.B. Nos. 22, 791, and 1137

Section 23-11, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, requires the Auditor to submit no later than 30 days prior to the end of the legislative session an analysis of each new special or revolving fund proposed by legislative bills.



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Analysis of the Hawai'i Health Corps Special Fund Proposed in H.B. Nos. 599 and 906 and S.B. Nos. 22, 791, and 1137

Description and Purpose

These bills establish the Hawai'i Health Corps Program to be administered by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. The purpose of the program is to encourage physicians and dentists to serve in health professional shortage areas of the state. These bills also establish the Hawai'i Health Corps Special Fund to be administered by the department. The purpose of the fund is to provide stipends to qualifying Hawai'i Health Corps physicians and dentists. The department shall award a minimum of 30 stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in each of the first three years of the program. Thereafter, the department shall award annually a maximum of 100 stipends. Revenues to the fund shall include legislative appropriations, private contributions, stipend repayments, and interest on and other income from the fund, which shall be separately accounted for.

Criteria

Our analysis is of the Hawai'i Health Corps Special Fund and not of the program that it would support. Two criteria are used in analyzing the fund: (1) whether a clear link exists between the benefit sought and the charges made of users or beneficiaries of the programs as opposed to providing the program with an automatic means of support, and (2) whether the fund has the capacity to be self-sustaining.

Linkage

Linkage does not exist because no direct charges are made of beneficiaries of the fund.

Self-sustainability

The fund is intended to be self-sustaining. However, estimated revenues and expenditures information is not known at this time.

Probable Effects

Additional administrative costs associated with a new fund will be incurred by central service agencies of state government. Legislative appropriations and undetermined amounts of revenue would be deposited into the fund and would not be subject to normal lapsing requirements.

Alternate Funding

Support for this program could be provided through direct general fund appropriations.

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