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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**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 a severe shortage  
4 of health care professionals in Hawaii. A poor distribution of  
5 health care professionals has resulted in a surplus of these  
6 professionals in some areas of the State and a shortage in other  
7 parts, particularly in rural areas. The rural shortage areas  
8 often require more services because the health care needs of  
9 residents in those areas are greater due to socio-economic or  
10 geographic circumstances. Compounding this problem, it is  
11 difficult to recruit health care professionals to work in these  
12 areas because salaries are typically lower for health care  
13 professionals in shortage areas than non-shortage areas.

14           The legislature also finds that two specific strategies  
15 would be successful in remedying health care shortages in  
16 Hawaii. First, a loan repayment program made available to  
17 qualified physicians, dentists, and advanced care practitioners  
18 to repay their eligible educational loans in exchange for their



1 commitment to practice in a healthcare professional shortage  
2 area would make it easier for physicians with high education  
3 debt to accept lower paying positions. A loan repayment program  
4 can be structured to make use of available federal matching  
5 funds.

6 Second, a recruitment program administered by the  
7 department of business, economic development, and tourism, would  
8 provide financial incentives to public and private nonprofit  
9 organizations, community health organizations, and eligible  
10 health professionals to provide health care services in  
11 specially designated shortage areas. A successful recruitment  
12 program would be open to a wide variety of health care  
13 professionals, including mid-level practitioners, allied health  
14 professionals, and pharmacists, in addition to physicians and  
15 dentists. Unlike the loan repayment program, the recruitment  
16 program would not use federal matching funds.

17 The purpose of this Act is to create a loan repayment  
18 program and a recruitment program to attract and retain health  
19 care professionals in medically underserved areas of the State.

20 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
21 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
22 as follows:



1 "CHAPTER

2 HAWAII HEALTH CORPS PROGRAM

3 PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the  
5 context clearly requires otherwise:

6 "Applicant" means an individual who has submitted a  
7 completed application for the loan repayment program or the  
8 recruitment program and meets application requirements  
9 established by the department for the respective program.

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

14 "Dentist" means an individual licensed to practice  
15 dentistry in the State under chapter 448.

16 "Department" means the department of business, economic  
17 development, and tourism.

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

21 "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated  
22 with the cost of acquiring an eligible education, such as



1 tuition, books, equipment, fees, room and board, and other  
2 expenses determined by the department.

3 "Health professional shortage area" means a geographic area  
4 in the State determined by the department of health to have a  
5 shortage of health professionals. In designating an area to be  
6 a health professional shortage area, the department of health  
7 may apply relevant federal standards.

8 "Incentives" means cash or in-kind awards made to a  
9 recruitment recipient and includes awards made to a spouse or  
10 dependent of a recruitment health professional.

11 "Loan repayment program" means the loan repayment program  
12 administered by the department.

13 "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter 453.

14 "Qualifying educational loan" means a government or  
15 commercial loan for eligible expenses.

16 "Recruitment health professional" means an individual who  
17 is a health professional, including physicians, nurse  
18 practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, physician assistants,  
19 dentists, registered clinical dental hygienists, clinical or  
20 counseling psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurse  
21 specialists, mental health counselors, licensed professional



1 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and health care  
2 specialists.

3 "Recruitment health professional shortage area" means a  
4 health professional shortage area or other area means a  
5 geographic area in the State determined by the department of  
6 health to have a shortage of recruitment health professionals.

7 "Recruitment program" means the health professional  
8 recruitment and retention program.

9 "Recruitment recipient" means either a recruitment health  
10 professional or a public or private nonprofit organization or  
11 community that employs a recruitment health professional.

12 "Repayment health care professional" means a primary care  
13 physician, family care practitioner, internist, pediatrician,  
14 obstetrician, physician assistant, advance practice registered  
15 nurse, naturopathic physician, general psychologist, or general  
16 practice dentist.

17 "Repayment participant" means a repayment health care  
18 professional who has received a loan repayment award and has  
19 commenced practice in a health professional shortage area.

20 **PART II. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

21 § -11 Loan repayment program established. There is  
22 established the loan repayment program within the department of



1 business, economic development, and tourism. The loan repayment  
2 program shall be administered in a manner that is consistent  
3 with the provisions of Title 42 United States Code section 254q-  
4 1, as amended.

5 § -12 Administration. The loan repayment program shall  
6 be administered by the department. The department shall:

7 (1) Accept applications from interested persons;

8 (2) Develop criteria for the selection of repayment  
9 participants;

10 (3) Select repayment health care professionals to  
11 participate in the loan repayment program; provided  
12 that the department shall select no more than twenty  
13 repayment health care professionals in one year;  
14 provided further that no more than one hundred  
15 repayment health care professionals shall participate  
16 in the loan repayment program at any one time, subject  
17 to available funding and the need for repayment health  
18 care professionals in health professional shortage  
19 areas;

20 (4) Collect and manage repayments from repayment  
21 participants who do not meet their service obligations



- 1 under this chapter, including enforcing applicable  
2 remedies for breach of a service obligation;
- 3 (5) Publicize and market the loan repayment program,  
4 particularly in a manner that maximizes participation  
5 in the program;
- 6 (6) Solicit and accept grants, donations, and other  
7 funding from public and private sources for the loan  
8 repayment program;
- 9 (7) Develop criteria for and enter into contracts with  
10 repayment participants that require repayment  
11 participants to complete their service obligation and  
12 comply fully with the terms and conditions of the loan  
13 repayment program;
- 14 (8) Administer the recruitment program separately from the  
15 loan repayment program under part III;
- 16 (9) Establish a working group, which shall be advisory  
17 only, comprising representatives from government and  
18 the health profession, including providers, community  
19 health centers, and professional organizations, to:
- 20 (A) Assist the department in developing criteria for  
21 selecting participants;



1 (B) Determine areas having the greatest need for  
2 health professionals; and

3 (C) Advise on other matters related to the  
4 administration of the loan repayment program;  
5 provided that working group members may also serve on  
6 the advisory group for the recruitment program under  
7 part III; and

8 (10) Take all other actions necessary to administer the  
9 loan repayment program.

10 § -13 **Eligibility.** To be eligible to participate in the  
11 loan repayment program, an individual shall:

12 (1) Submit a completed application to the department;

13 (2) Have a signed employment agreement or contract with an  
14 approved site;

15 (3) Provide documentation of qualifying educational loans;

16 (4) Be a citizen of the United States;

17 (5) Be under no other contractual obligation to provide  
18 health professional services to the federal

19 government, a state government, or other entity or  
20 organization, unless that obligation will be

21 completely satisfied prior to entering into a contract  
22 to provide services under the loan repayment program;





- 1           (6) Have no judgments or liens for a debt owed to the  
2           United States;
- 3           (7) Have no history of failing to comply with or inability  
4           to comply with service or payment obligations;
- 5           (8) Have no history of default on any federal payment  
6           obligation, even if the creditor considers the  
7           obligation currently to be in good standing;
- 8           (9) Have breached no prior service obligation to the  
9           federal, state, or local government or other entity or  
10          organization, even if the obligation was subsequently  
11          satisfied;
- 12          (10) Have had no federal debt written off as uncollectible  
13          pursuant to Title 31 United States Code section  
14          3711(a) or had no federal service or payment  
15          obligation waived;
- 16          (11) Agree to perform the service obligation at an approved  
17          site;
- 18          (12) Agree to provide full-time clinical services at an  
19          approved site;
- 20          (13) Agree to charge for the individual's professional  
21          services at the usual and customary prevailing rates  
22          in the area where the services are rendered; provided



1           that if a patient is unable to pay the charge, the  
 2           patient may be charged at a reduced rate or not  
 3           charged for the services;

4           (14) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of a patient's  
 5           ability to pay or on the basis that the payment for  
 6           services will be made pursuant to medicare, medicaid,  
 7           the state children's health insurance program, or any  
 8           other public program;

9           (15) Agree to provide services to patients who are covered  
 10          under medicare, medicaid, or the state children's  
 11          health insurance program, and accept payments from  
 12          those programs at the applicable rates of  
 13          reimbursement for services;

14          (16) Agree to pay an amount as specified by the department  
 15          for failure to complete the service obligation;

16          (17) Be a licensed and qualified repayment health care  
 17          professional in the State and agree to maintain  
 18          professional licensure and qualifications during the  
 19          service obligation period;

20          (18) Agree to obtain and maintain any other licensure that  
 21          may be required of repayment health care professionals  
 22          in the State; and



1 (19) Meet any other requirements established by the  
2 department by rule.

3 § -14 Preference and selection. (a) In selecting  
4 repayment participants, the department shall give preference to  
5 the following, in order of priority:

6 (1) Graduates of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns  
7 School of Medicine;

8 (2) Graduates of out-of-state medical schools who are  
9 legal residents of Hawaii and are engaged in a medical  
10 residency program in Hawaii or otherwise practicing  
11 medicine in Hawaii; and

12 (3) Graduates of out-of-state medical schools who are  
13 graduates of high schools located in Hawaii and are  
14 engaged in a medical residency in Hawaii or otherwise  
15 practicing medicine in Hawaii.

16 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
17 91 that establish criteria used to select repayment participants  
18 for the loan repayment program. The criteria may include:

19 (1) The need for primary care physicians and dentists in  
20 health professional shortage areas;

21 (2) An applicant's willingness to work full-time in a  
22 health professional shortage area; or



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

4           §   -15 **Eligible expenses.** The department shall only  
5           repay qualifying educational loans.

6           §   -16 **Amount of the award.** Subject to the availability  
7           of funds and the need for repayment health care professionals in  
8           health professional shortage areas, the amount of an award made  
9           to a repayment participant for loan repayment shall be  
10          determined by the department; provided that the amount shall not  
11          exceed the maximum amounts permitted to be awarded to repayment  
12          participants under Title 42 United States Code section 254q-1,  
13          as amended.

14          §   -17 **Service obligation.** A repayment participant shall  
15          agree to serve full-time at an approved site for a minimum of  
16          two years, with an option to extend the service obligation for  
17          one-year terms for a total service obligation not to exceed five  
18          years. Periods of internship, preceptorship, clinical training,  
19          or other postgraduate training shall not be counted toward the  
20          service obligation.



1           §   -18   **Cancellation of service obligation.**   The  
2 department may cancel a contract with a repayment participant  
3 only upon the death of the repayment participant.

4           §   -19   **Waiver of service obligation.**   The department may  
5 permanently waive a repayment participant's service obligation  
6 upon documentation that a medical condition or a personal  
7 situation makes compliance with the service obligation  
8 permanently impossible, as determined by the department.

9           §   -20   **Suspension.**   The department may temporarily  
10 suspend a repayment participant's service obligation upon  
11 documentation by the repayment participant of a medical  
12 condition or personal situation that makes compliance with the  
13 service obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the  
14 department.

15           §   -21   **Default.**   A repayment participant who fails to  
16 complete the participants contractual service obligation shall  
17 be considered to be in default and shall pay to the department  
18 as a penalty the sum of the following:

- 19           (1)   The loan repayment amount paid to or on behalf of a  
20                    repayment participant for any period of obligated  
21                    service not served;



1           (2) An amount equal to the number of months of obligated  
2           service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and

3           (3) Interest on the above amounts at the maximum  
4           prevailing interest rate determined by the Treasurer  
5           of the United States from the day of the default;  
6 provided that the amount that the department is entitled to  
7 collect shall not be less than \$31,000.

8           §   -22   **Hawaii health corps first responder service**  
9 **obligation.** If an emergency proclaimed under section 127-10 or  
10 128-7 occurs, physicians and dentists participating in the  
11 Hawaii health corps program may be ordered into service by the  
12 governor in areas of the State and in a capacity determined by  
13 the director.

14           §   -23   **Hawaii health corps special fund.** (a) There is  
15 established within the state treasury the Hawaii health corps  
16 special fund to be administered and expended by the department.

17           (b) The special fund shall be used to provide stipends to  
18 qualifying Hawaii health corps physicians and dentists pursuant  
19 to this chapter.

20           (c) Moneys deposited into the special fund may include  
21 appropriations by the legislature, private contributions,  
22 stipend repayments, interest attributable to money deposited in



1 the fund, and moneys allotted to the fund from other sources,  
2 which shall be accounted for separately.

3 § -24 **Rules.** The department shall adopt rules pursuant  
4 to chapter 91 for the administration of the loan repayment  
5 program.

6 **PART III. RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**

7 § -31 **Established.** There is established the health  
8 professional recruitment and retention program within the  
9 department of business, economic development, and tourism.

10 § -32 **Administration.** The recruitment program shall be  
11 administered by the department and shall:

- 12 (1) Maintain a list of communities and areas in the State  
13 that are determined to be recruitment health  
14 professional shortage areas;
- 15 (2) Maintain a list of recruitment health professionals  
16 who are interested in working in recruitment health  
17 professional shortage areas;
- 18 (3) Act as an intermediary between communities or public  
19 or private nonprofit organizations and recruitment  
20 health professionals willing to practice in  
21 recruitment health professional shortage areas;



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





- 1           (8)   Coordinate with other government agencies to minimize  
2                   or remove regulatory barriers to relocating or  
3                   practicing in 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, donations, and other  
8                   available moneys from public and private sources for  
9                   the recruitment program;
- 10          (12)   Administer the recruitment program separately from the  
11                   loan repayment program, except to the extent provided  
12                   in this chapter;
- 13          (13)   Enter into contracts with recruitment recipients that  
14                   obligate the recruitment recipients or recruitment  
15                   health professionals to provide services in a  
16                   recruitment health professional shortage area for the  
17                   length of the service obligation;
- 18          (14)   Establish an advisory group comprising representatives  
19                   from government and the health profession, including  
20                   providers, community health centers, and professional  
21                   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 provided that advisory group members may also serve on
- 8 the working group established under section -12 for
- 9 the loan repayment program; and
- 10 (15) Take all other actions necessary to administer the
- 11 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 medical residency program in Hawaii; or
- 18 (3) Legal residents of Hawaii who meet a minimum of three
- 19 of the following criteria:
- 20 (A) The applicant has resided continuously in Hawaii
- 21 for no less than the previous twelve months;



1 (B) The applicant's parents or legal guardians are  
2 legal residents of Hawaii;

3 (C) The applicant's place of birth is located in  
4 Hawaii;

5 (D) The applicant graduated from a high school  
6 located in Hawaii;

7 (E) The applicant is Hawaiian;

8 (F) The applicant graduated from a college or  
9 university located in Hawaii; or

10 (G) The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a  
11 graduate of the University of Hawaii John A.  
12 Burns School of Medicine or a medical residency  
13 program in Hawaii, or is a University of Hawaii  
14 John A. Burns School of Medicine faculty member.

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

18 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
19 91 that establish criteria for selecting recruitment recipients.  
20 The criteria may include:

21 (1) The need for recruitment health professionals in  
22 recruitment health professional shortage areas;



1 (2) An applicant's willingness to work full-time in a  
2 recruitment health professional shortage area; or

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

6 § -34 **Award of incentives.** (a) The department shall  
7 only award incentives to recruitment recipients.

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

14 § -35 **Eligibility.** (a) The recruitment program shall  
15 accept applications from recruitment health professionals or  
16 public or nonprofit private entities or communities intending to  
17 employ or currently employing a recruitment health professional.

18 (b) To be eligible to participate in the recruitment  
19 program, a recruitment recipient shall:

20 (1) In the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or  
21 community, employ or intend to employ a recruitment  
22 health professional to provide professional health



1 services in a recruitment health professional shortage  
2 area for the length of the service obligation; or

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

7 (c) In addition to any other recruitment program  
8 eligibility requirements in this section a recruitment health  
9 professional shall also:

10 (1) Be a citizen of the United States;

11 (2) Agree to provide full-time services of a recruitment  
12 health professional in a recruitment health  
13 professional shortage area;

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

20 (4) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of a patient's  
21 ability to pay or on the basis that the payment for  
22 services will be made pursuant to medicare, medicaid,



1 the state children's health insurance program, or any  
2 other public program;

3 (5) Agree to provide services to patients who are covered  
4 under medicare, medicaid, and the state children's  
5 health insurance program, and accept payments from  
6 those programs at the applicable rates of  
7 reimbursement for services;

8 (6) Agree to pay an amount as specified by the department  
9 to complete the service obligation;

10 (7) Be a licensed and qualified recruitment health  
11 professional in the State and agree to maintain  
12 applicable licensure and professional qualifications  
13 during the service obligation period;

14 (8) Agree to obtain and maintain any other licensure that  
15 may be required of recruitment health professionals in  
16 the State; and

17 (9) Meet any other requirements established by the  
18 department by rule.

19 § -36 **Service obligation.** A recruitment recipient, in  
20 the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or community,  
21 shall obligate the recruitment health professional in its employ  
22 to practice full-time in a recruitment health professional



1 shortage area for a minimum of two years, with an option to  
2 extend the service obligation for one-year terms for a total  
3 service obligation not to exceed five years. Periods of  
4 internship, preceptorship, clinical training, or other post-  
5 graduate training shall not be counted toward the service  
6 obligation.

7       §   -37   **Recruitment health professional shortage areas.**

8 Recruitment recipients shall be located in and shall provide  
9 services of a recruitment health professional in a recruitment  
10 health professional shortage area.

11       §   -38   **Waiver of service obligation.** The department may  
12 permanently waive a service obligation upon documentation by a  
13 recruitment health professional that a medical condition or a  
14 personal situation makes compliance with the service obligation  
15 permanently impossible, as determined by the department.

16       §   -39   **Suspension.** The department may temporarily  
17 suspend a service obligation upon documentation by a recruitment  
18 health professional of a medical condition or personal situation  
19 that makes compliance with the service obligation temporarily  
20 impossible, as determined by the department.

21       §   -40   **Default.** A recruitment recipient who fails to  
22 complete the recipient's contractual service obligation shall be



1 considered to be in default and shall pay to the department as a  
2 penalty the sum of the following:

3 (1) The amount or value of incentives paid to or on behalf  
4 of a recruitment participant for any period of  
5 obligated service not served;

6 (2) An amount equal to the number of months of obligated  
7 service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and

8 (3) Interest on the above amounts at the maximum  
9 prevailing interest rate determined by the Treasurer  
10 of the United States from the day of the default;

11 provided that the amount that the department is entitled to  
12 collect shall not be less than \$31,000.

13 § -41 Rules. The department shall adopt rules pursuant  
14 to chapter 91 for the administration of the recruitment program.

15 PART IV. FIRST RESPONDERS

16 § -51 First responders. All repayment participants and  
17 all recruitment health professionals participating in the  
18 recruitment program shall serve as first responders at the  
19 request of the governor or the director of health in the event  
20 of a declared emergency in the State pursuant to section 127-10  
21 or 128-7.





1                                   **PART V. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS**

2           §   -61   **Coordination.**   Notwithstanding any provision to  
3 the contrary, the department shall consider the overall need for  
4 both repayment health care professionals and recruitment health  
5 professionals in health professional shortage areas when  
6 selecting participants for the respective programs and placing  
7 participants in health professional shortage areas.

8           §   -62   **Coordination of funds.**   Moneys appropriated by the  
9 legislature for the purposes of this chapter or received from  
10 private sources may be allocated by the department between the  
11 loan repayment program and the recruitment program based upon  
12 the funding needs of each program and the need for either  
13 repayment health care professionals or recruitment health  
14 professionals in the State."

15           SECTION 3.   (a)   The department of business, economic  
16 development, and tourism shall implement the Hawaii health corps  
17 program no later than June 30, 2013.

18           (b)   For the purposes of efficiency in the implementation  
19 of the program, the department shall award a minimum of thirty  
20 stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the first year of the  
21 program, an additional thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient  
22 in the second year of the program, and an additional thirty



1 stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the third year of the  
2 program. In each year thereafter, the department shall award a  
3 maximum of one hundred stipends.

4 (c) The director of business, economic development, and  
5 tourism shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the  
6 status of the Hawaii health corps program, including any  
7 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the  
8 convening of the regular session of 2013 and each regular  
9 session thereafter.

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

20 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
2 the purposes this Act.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.  
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**Report Title:**

Health; Loan Repayment; Recruitment; Hawaii Health Corps;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii health corps program. Establishes a recruitment program and a loan repayment program to attract and retain qualified health professionals in medically underserved areas of the State. Makes an appropriation.

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