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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is facing  
2 a severe shortage of healthcare providers. This situation is  
3 particularly acute in primary care where most of the prevention,  
4 early intervention, and cost savings in healthcare occur.

5           The legislature further finds that the Hawaii health  
6 systems corporation primary care training program is an  
7 effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary  
8 care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the  
9 State. Administered by Hilo medical center in coordination with  
10 the Hawaii health systems corporation regions, this  
11 interdisciplinary program includes the Hawaii island family  
12 medicine residency program and training for advanced practice  
13 nurses from the school of nursing and dental hygiene at the  
14 University of Hawaii at Manoa and the school of nursing at the  
15 University of Hawaii at Hilo, clinical pharmacists from the  
16 University of Hawaii at Hilo's college of pharmacy, and post-  
17 doctoral fellows from I Ola Lahui, an organization that trains  
18 psychologists to meet the needs of those living in rural areas.



1           The success of this program's training model, which will be  
 2 expanded to neighbor island health facilities, will generate  
 3 inter-disciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as  
 4 many patients as independent practicing physicians. Hawaii will  
 5 benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems corporation  
 6 regions' program will eliminate the need to train or attract  
 7 unrealistically high numbers of physicians.

8           The purpose of this Act is to address the shortage of  
 9 primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds for  
 10 the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary  
 11 care training program at the Hilo medical center.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,800,000 or so much  
 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the  
 15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 16 2014-2015 for the Hawaii health systems corporation primary care  
 17 training program at the Hilo medical center.

18           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
 19 health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

20           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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# H.B. NO. 417

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Training Program;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates \$2,800,000 to the Hawaii health systems corporation to implement and sustain its primary care training program at the Hilo medical center.

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