
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
4 prevention, early intervention, and cost savings in healthcare
5 occur.

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



1 doctoral fellows from I Ola Lahui, an organization that trains
2 psychologists to meet the needs of residents of rural areas.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,800,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2014-2015 for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems
19 corporation primary care training program at Hilo medical
20 center.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
2 health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.
3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Primary Care Training Program

Description:

Appropriates \$2,800,000 for each year of the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium to the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center. Effective July 1, 2015. (HB417 HD1)

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