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Comments: The University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy fully support funding of this program. Our students have been an integral part of the Hawaii Island Family Center for four year. The interdisciplinary health care practice our pharmacist faculty and students participate in is very necessary for the health of rural Hawaii.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Ige, Chair

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Supporting SB 664: Relating to Health

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of SB 664 SD 1, which appropriates funds for the Primary Care Training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

The unmet need for primary care practitioners in Hawaii has been well documented. For example, the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) issued a report in 2010 describing a shortage of 600 physicians in Hawaii, particularly in the area of primary care. That shortage is expected to double if the current trend continues and no changes are made. The report responded to the Legislature's request for JABSOM to compile data about physicians and other health care practitioners and to develop projections on workforce supply and demand.

Primary care is the foundation of health care. That is where most of the prevention and early intervention occurs, which results in better health and lower costs. The Primary Care Training Program is an innovative, interdisciplinary program designed to train teams of primary care practitioners. Each team can care for up to 10,000 patients, whereas previously one physician could manage only 2,500 patients. This collaborative approach represents the future of health care. As the program is developed, it can be exported elsewhere in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB 664 SD 1.

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COMMENTS

SB 664 SD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (PCTP) at the Hilo Medical Center.

HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center

- The PCTP is an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii
- In 5 years, 1-in-3 physicians currently practicing on Hawaii island will not be doing so (Source: 2012 UH Hilo Study on Recruitment and Retention)

TEAM approach applied in new Medical Training model

- NEW APPROACH includes advanced practice nurse, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians
- The focus is on training for practice in smaller communities – skills are different
- Disciplines train as primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered medical Homes, with focus on pro-active care
- Teams can care for up to 10,000 patients with one doctor, before one doctor could manage 2,500
- Why Rural Areas and Neighbor Island communities? More than half of residents trained at rural sites practice in rural areas, and the same is expected for other disciplines
- Cost-Effective Training: a) no economics of scale are lost by not being University administered, b) all positions/functions being created would have to be created regardless of program sponsor, and c) the PCTP at HMC saves dollars by eliminating University overhead costs (i.e. Dean's taxes)
- In the 2nd and 3rd year of a Residency program, Residents will be able to choose elective studies and work in other neighbor island (Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai) facilities, in close consultation with their Resident Professors

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