
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 faces a
2 severe shortage of health care providers. This situation is
3 particularly acute in primary care, where most of the
4 prevention, early intervention, and health care cost savings
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 health care 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; 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 training model, which will be expanded
4 to other neighbor island health facilities, will generate
5 interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many
6 patients as independent practicing physicians. One of the
7 health facilities that will benefit from this training model is
8 Maui Memorial medical center. Maui will benefit greatly as the
9 Hawaii health systems corporation regions' program will
10 eliminate the need to train or attract unattainably high numbers
11 of physicians.

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

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
19 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care
20 training program at Maui Memorial medical center.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health
22 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

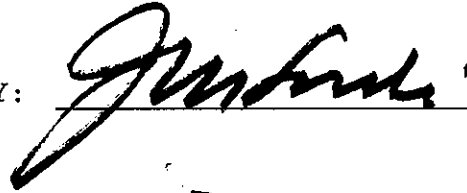


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Primary Care Training Program; Maui Memorial Medical Center; Appropriation

Description:

Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Maui Memorial medical center.

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