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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 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.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health  
2 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; 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. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1597 HD1)

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