
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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 healthcare providers. This situation is
3 particularly acute in primary care, where most of the
4 prevention, early intervention, and healthcare 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 healthcare throughout the
10 State. Administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination
11 with 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. Hawaii will
7 benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems corporation
8 regions' program will eliminate the need to train or attract
9 unattainably 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 the 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 2014-2015 for the
17 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care
18 training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health
20 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:

HSAC Package; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

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