
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE
TRAINING PROGRAM.

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 shortage is
3 particularly acute in the field of primary care, in which most
4 of the healthcare cost savings in prevention and early
5 intervention 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, especially on the neighbor islands. Administered by Hilo
11 medical center, this interdisciplinary program is centered at
12 the Hawaii Island Family Health Center, which serves as a
13 training site for family medicine physicians and medical
14 students through the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency;
15 advanced practice nurses from the school of nursing and dental
16 hygiene at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University
17 of Hawaii at Hilo; registered nursing students from the



1 University of Hawaii at Hilo; pharmacy students in clinical
2 pharmacy practice from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Daniel
3 K. Inouye college of pharmacy; health psychologists from I Ola
4 Lahui, an organization that trains psychologists to meet the
5 needs of residents of Hawaii's rural areas; and baccalaureate
6 nursing students from the school of nursing at the University of
7 Hawaii at Hilo.

8 This interdisciplinary training model can be expanded to
9 other neighbor island health facilities to generate
10 interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many
11 patients as independent practicing physicians could alone.
12 Hawaii will benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems
13 corporation program contributes to training primary care
14 providers in the emerging model of primary care--i.e., patient-
15 centered medical homes--and attracts healthcare providers to
16 practice in rural Hawaii, including the neighbor islands.

17 The purpose of this Act is to address the shortage of
18 primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds for
19 the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary
20 care training program at Hilo medical center.

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,800,000 or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 2 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care
 3 training program at Hilo medical center.

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

6 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

Description:

Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. Effective July 1, 2014.

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