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**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 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 and more so in the neighbor islands. Administered by the  
11 Hilo medical center, this interdisciplinary program is centered  
12 at 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-Manoa and the University of  
17 Hawaii-Hilo, registered nursing students from the University of

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

8 This interdisciplinary training model can be expanded to  
9 other neighbor island health facilities and will generate  
10 interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many  
11 patients as independent practicing physicians. Hawaii will  
12 benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems corporation program  
13 will contribute to training primary care providers in the  
14 emerging model of primary care (patient centered medical home)  
15 and attract physicians to practice in rural Hawaii including  
16 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 the 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

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1 much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2014-2015 to  
2 carry out the purposes of this Act, including support for the  
3 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care  
4 training program at the Hilo medical center.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health  
6 systems corporation.

7 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
8 on July 1, 2014.

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10 INTRODUCED BY: 

11 BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

**Description:**

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH.

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

PURPOSE: Appropriate \$2,800,000 to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Hilo Medical Center for the second year of funding to administer a primary care training program.

MEANS: Appropriate money to support the second year of the state-wide primary care training program.

JUSTIFICATION: The primary care health care provider shortage in Hawaii has denied access to needed care in our rural communities. This program trains various types of primary care providers in order to place them in the rural communities.

Impact on the public: The primary care training program is an effective way to reduce the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the state.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: \$2,800,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH-210, HTH-212

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014.