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Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments:

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Amy Hamane	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Family Practice Residency program has been accredited and is finally ready to accept Residents but it is imperative that funding be continued. Please don't let it fail as it did in 1999. Neighbor Islands desperately need more physicians. We need your support of this measure. Thank you.

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Bill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 2107.

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Joel Marcrum	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: On a personal note, I am a retired US Army Soldier and I had a great deal of difficulty finding a Primary Care Provider in Hilo. Most are not open to new patients and those who are will nto accept TRICARE. As the population ages we are going to need trained PCPs in Hawaii will to work in places other than Honolulu. This program will hopefully result in these young providers taking root in Hawaii.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

February 3, 2014
Conference Room 229
State Capitol

Support of SB 2107
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Joel J. Marcrum, Outpatient Clinic Manager

As member of Hilo Medical Center I, resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I Endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.
- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

I recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

I recognize that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass SB 2107. Thank you.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health
Monday, February 3, 2014
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

RE: Senate Bill 2107 Relating to Health

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I support **SB 2107 that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is ample evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. **State investment** would help to guide health system change to achieve optimal, cost-efficient health for everyone, and support primary care medical training.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center includes the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program and training for advanced practice nurses from UH Manoa, nursing students from School of Nursing at UHH, clinical pharmacists from UHH College of Pharmacy, and post-doctoral psychology fellow from I Ola Lahui. This team care model is a transition from being soloists to being a member of an orchestra in providing health care. The team care approach is now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system.

I believe that good health care starts with the individual and their Primary Care Physician and health care team. It is with the voice of the people from rural communities like ours that we support SB 2107 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.