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SENATE BILL 2237 RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION

ADDRESSES PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.

THE WORK INJURY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII UNDERSTANDS THE SHORTAGE OF DOCTOR ON THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND ITS INTENT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS. WE HOPE ALSO THAT THESE DOCTORS WILL PROVIDE CARE FOR INJURED WORKERS' WHO DESPERATELY NEED MORE PHYSICIANS ON THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS.

YOUR PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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Comments: I am a critical care physician who has been working at MMMC since 1999. Our medical center has grown and services have improved due to the collective efforts of hospital staff, physician staff and hospital management. The shrinking pool of physicians at our medical center is a threat to our ability to sustain the progress we have made. A teaching program at Maui would be a natural and welcome solution to providing new doctors and the vibrant intellectual stimulation promote clinical excellence. I strongly support this measure to start a teaching program at Maui.

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