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# 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 health care providers. This shortage is  
3 particularly acute in the field of primary care, in which most  
4 health care cost savings in prevention and early intervention  
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 health care 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       The legislature additionally finds that this  
9 interdisciplinary training model can be expanded to other  
10 neighbor island health facilities to generate interdisciplinary  
11 teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as  
12 independent practicing physicians could alone. Hawaii will  
13 benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems corporation program  
14 contributes to training primary care providers in the emerging  
15 model of primary care and patient-centered medical homes and  
16 attracts healthcare providers to practice in rural Hawaii,  
17 including the neighbor islands.

18       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to address the  
19 shortage of primary care providers in the State by appropriating  
20 funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems



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1 corporation primary care training program at Hilo medical  
2 center.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,800,000 or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
6 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care  
7 training program at Hilo medical center.

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

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# S.B. NO. 2049

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hilo Medical Center; Primary Care Training Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Hilo medical center.

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