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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 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 State has two
7 training programs that are effective ways to reduce the impact
8 of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to
9 health care throughout the State. One program is the Hawaii
10 health systems corporation primary care training program that is
11 administered by Hilo medical center. The second program is the
12 family medicine residency program on Oahu that is administered
13 by the University of Hawaii. The legislature finds that both
14 programs would benefit from a collaboration that would allow
15 residents from each program to intern with the other program to
16 gain valuable experience.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish the global primary
2 care training program that combines the Hilo medical center
3 primary care training program and the University of Hawaii
4 family medicine residency program.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart L, to be
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 "§304A- Global primary care training program. (a)

9 There is established the global primary care training program to
10 facilitate the collaboration of the Hilo medical center primary
11 care training program and the University of Hawaii family
12 medicine residency program. The joining of the two programs
13 shall be administered by the boards of directors of each program
14 and shall authorize first year residents from the Hilo medical
15 center's program to intern on Oahu with the University of
16 Hawaii's family medicine residency program while authorizing
17 second and third year residents from the University of Hawaii's
18 program to intern with the primary care training program at Hilo
19 medical center.

20 (b) The boards of directors of the two programs shall
21 collaborate and adopt rules and procedures to facilitate the



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1 global primary care training program. The boards of directors
 2 of the two programs shall determine a reasonable date for the
 3 program to commence. The boards of directors shall strive to
 4 implement the program without allowing graduation rates to
 5 decrease."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Global Primary Care Training Program; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hilo Medical Center; University of Hawaii

Description:

Creates the global primary care training program to combine the Hilo medical center primary care training program and the University of Hawaii family medicine residency program on Oahu so that the two programs collaborate and allow residents from each program to intern with the other.

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