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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the recruitment and
2 retention of physicians to serve the rural and medically
3 underserved areas of the State are critical. The shortage of
4 physicians is compounded by the fact that Hawaii's physician
5 workforce is the fifth oldest of all the states and over half
6 will be over age 65 within 10 years. The physician workforce
7 assessment project has assisted with malpractice reform,
8 thousands of hours of continuing education, loan repayment to
9 physicians working in areas of need, advertising of all open
10 positions in Hawaii to graduates and on the web and is working
11 to make regional physician supply and demand maps and all
12 available national data available on the internet. Future
13 efforts include state-matched loan relief to new providers in
14 the areas of highest unmet need; promotion of Hawaii careers at
15 mainland physician conferences; efforts to enable bonuses for
16 providers practicing in underserved areas; and the formation an
17 office of rural training for promoting practice in underserved
18 areas of Hawaii. The funding received through the physician

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1 workforce assessment will allow Hawaii to rapidly act on
2 tangible solutions to the physician workforce shortage in order
3 to adequately address the ongoing need for a strong physician
4 workforce.

5 The purpose of this Act is to allow the John A. Burns
6 school of medicine to continually receive a portion of the
7 physician workforce assessment fee to support physician
8 workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic
9 recruitment and retention of physicians to rural areas and
10 planning efforts.

11 SECTION 2. Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as
12 amended by section 3(2) of Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012,
13 is amended by amending section 9 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009 [~~7~~
15 ~~provided that sections 3 and 4 shall be repealed on June 30,~~
16 ~~2017]~~."

17 SECTION 3. Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, is
18 amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:

19 "SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2012 [~~7~~
20 ~~provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017, and~~
21 ~~section 304A 2171(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be~~
22 ~~reenacted in the form in which it read on June 28, 2012]~~."

23 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
24 and stricken.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
2 on June 29, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY: *M. P. M.*

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Physician Workforce Assessment Fee; John A. Burns Schools of Medicine

Description:

Enable the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue receiving into the John A. Burns School of Medicine special fund a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning efforts, including recruitment and retention of physicians, especially those serving rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: University of Hawaii

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

PURPOSE: Enable the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue receiving into the John A. Burns School of Medicine special fund a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning efforts, including recruitment and retention of physicians, especially those serving rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

MEANS: Amend Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, and Act 186, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

JUSTIFICATION: The physician workforce in Hawaii has changed from 2,894 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) of physicians providing patient care in 2013, to 2,802 FTEs in 2014, to 2,806 FTEs in 2015, to 2,903 in 2016. The small increase of the physician workforce is a positive sign and actions must be continued to support the existing physicians and recruit additional physicians to meet the needs of the people of Hawaii. Current estimates show us between 455 and 707 physicians short at this time.

Efforts to grow the population of satisfied physicians working in patient care in Hawaii are many. In 2016, the Physician Workforce Research Team has provided over 1,200 hours of continuing education including the annual Hawaii Health Workforce Summit and twice weekly ECHO distance learning sessions; facilitated loan repayment to 25 (13 physicians) individuals working in underserved areas; promoted and advertised

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physician position openings; assisted with Health Profession Shortage Area designation revision; expanded health careers recruitment to 2,000 students through the Health Career Navigator and PreHealth Career Corps; and participated on the Hawaii Health Workforce Advisory Committee.

Impact on the public: Enabling the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue receiving the funds will enhance the provision of healthcare by identifying fields of shortages, targeting specific geographic areas of need, implementing interventions to meet the needs, and being able to respond quickly to trends as they develop.

Impact on the department and other agencies: As shortage areas are identified, the John A. Burns School of Medicine will be able to collaborate with other departments and agencies to strategize on and formulate interventions and solutions to the anticipated physician and healthcare shortages so that the needs of our community can be met.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: John A. Burns School of Medicine Special Fund.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: UOH-110.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2017.