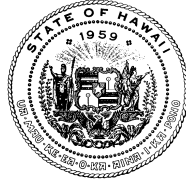


# HB2546 HD2

- Measure Title:** MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER.
- Report Title:** DOH; Appropriation; John A. Burns School of Medicine; Family Medicine Residency Program (\$)
- Description:** Appropriates moneys to the Department of Health to fund a family medicine office practice and team-based training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program. (HB2546 HD2)
- Companion:** [SB2485](#)
- Package:** None
- Current Referral:** CPH, WAM
- Introducer(s):** YAMANE, AQUINO, CULLEN, JOHANSON, TAKAYAMA



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**Testimony SUPPORTING HB2546 HD2.  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: March 15, 2018 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health is the fiscal intermediary for an unspecified
- 2 general fund appropriation amount, and will execute a state-to-state contract with the University
- 3 of Hawaii, John A, Burns School of Medicine, to implement this measure.
  
- 4 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports HB2546 HD2, but defers to the
- 5 Governor's Supplemental Budget Request for budget priorities. A family medicine office
- 6 practice and team-based training site centrally located near the Pali Momi outpatient center
- 7 would create greater access and efficiency, and allow for expanding the residency program in the
- 8 future. The clinic would be located adjacent to the Women's Clinic that the medical school's
- 9 practice plan operates at Pali Momi.
  
- 10 **Offered Amendment:** N/A.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

By

Jerris Hedges, MD  
Professor and Dean,  
Allen Hixon, MD  
Professor and Chair

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And

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 2546 HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2546 HD2 which makes an appropriation to fund a family medicine outpatient center which will serve as the family medicine office practice training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program. Through a public-private partnership, the goal of the project is to build a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site at Pali Momi to create a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawai'i.

At the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns, School Of Medicine (JABSOM) we strive to teach and train high-quality physicians, biomedical scientists, and allied health workers for Hawai'i and the Pacific by providing an opportunity for a medical education previously unavailable to residents of Hawai'i and other Pacific nations. The family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral part of the network of training sites for JABSOM's family medicine residency program. Our mission is to train the next generation of primary care doctors in Hawai'i for Hawai'i. At JABSOM we know that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawai'i stay in Hawai'i. Many of our graduates who have trained in rural communities and on the neighbor islands remain in those areas to practice.

The family medicine clinic will be developed along the lines of the transformed primary care model including the integration of behavioral health, diabetes education, pharmacy practice, and social work at a single site. This provides patients with enhanced access to healthcare services. Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult in Hawai'i. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a

major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. Being located in the 'Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West O'ahu. With the Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. This training site also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawai'i so that more graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and build a practice in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Thursday, March 15, 2018;

By  
Larry J. Shapiro, MD  
Chief Executive Officer  
University Health Partners of Hawaii, dba University Health Partners of Hawaii

HB 2546, HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2546, HD2 which makes an appropriation to fund a family medicine outpatient center which will serve as the family medicine office practice for the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program. Through a public-private partnership, the goal of the project is to create a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site at Pali Momi to ensure a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawai'i.

The mission of the University Clinical, Education and Research Associates (UCERA), dba University Health Partners of Hawaii (UHP) is to create physician practices in partnership with teaching hospitals to support the clinical learning environments for medical students and residents of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM). As of June 2017, there were about 170 providers who also serve as faculty members of JABSOM. The Family Medicine Residency Department is associated with UCERA/UHP.

In partnership with JABSOM we strive to teach and train high-quality physicians, biomedical scientists, and allied health workers for Hawai'i and the Pacific by providing an opportunity for a medical education and training previously unavailable to residents of Hawai'i and other Pacific nations. The family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral part of the network of training sites for JABSOM's family medicine residency program. Our mission is to train the next generation of primary care doctors in Hawai'i for Hawai'i. We know that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawai'i stay in Hawai'i. Many of JABSOM's graduates who have trained in rural communities and on the neighbor islands have remained in those areas to practice.

The family medicine clinic will be developed along the lines of the transformed primary care model including the integration of behavioral health, diabetes education, pharmacy practice, and social work at a single site. This provides patients with enhanced access to healthcare services. Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult in Hawai'i. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. Being located in the Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West Oahu. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawai'i so that graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPH on 3/15/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, ViceChair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii ("DPH"). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2546 HD2** relating to DOH; Appropriation; John A. Burns School of Medicine; and the Family Medicine Residency Program.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of **HB2546 HD2** and is in favor of its passage.

**HB2546 HD2** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates moneys to the Department of Health to fund a family medicine office practice and team-based training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[a]ccess to health care is a basic human need. Our citizens and visitors have an inherent right to high quality, high standard health care. The state legislature and the federal government should take all appropriate steps to create an support health care system of public, for-profit, and nonprofit hospitals and other medical facilities that follow best practiced to enhance and protect and preserve life." (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 361-364 (2016)).

Given that **HB2546 HD2** appropriates moneys to the Department of Health to fund a family medicine office practice and team-based training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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Written Testimony Submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and health  
March 15, 2018  
By

Mary K. Nordling, M.D., FAAFP  
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HB 2546, HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

I am the Program Director for the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency (HIFMR) Program Director at HHSC-Hilo Medical Center and have seen first-hand how important having a well situated family medicine clinic is to the growth and stability of a family medicine residency training program and the opportunities it provides to deliver quality care and health services to our local community here in Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB 2546, HD2 which makes an appropriation for the family medicine outpatient center at Pali Momi which will serve as the family medicine office practice for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. Relocating the residency clinic will help promote the growth of family medicine residency on Oahu and hopefully throughout the neighbor islands.

Since the family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral training site for the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's (JABSOM) family medicine residency program, it will also encourage more residents to go into family medicine. This year JABSOM had one of the largest quotas of medical students going into family medicine, no doubt in large part due to their exposure to family medicine training on Oahu and the Big Island at our program. Relocating the clinic closer to Pali Momi Medical Center creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawaii. It is known that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawaii stay in Hawaii. 100% of our first graduating class at HIFMR has all passed their boards and have remained in the islands providing care for our communities.

**HIFMR received over 1000 applications** this year for our 4 residency slots on the Big Island, prompting us to match for 6 this year due to the high demand from medical students with Hawaii ties. Medical students want to complete their family medicine training in Hawaii. Please help us facilitate this by creating a new clinical site for our sister site on Oahu so even more medical students will be inspired by the field of family medicine and choose to stay and train here. Mahalo!

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:30am  
Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Senator Roslyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: HB 2546, HD2 – Testimony in Support**

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My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in support of HB 2546, HD2 which appropriates moneys to the Department of Health to fund a family medicine office practice and team-based training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. Through a public-private partnership, we strive to enhance access to appropriate primary care services which has become increasingly difficult in Hawai'i. This joint project creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawai'i so that graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawai'i. Hawai'i is facing an alarming shortage of primary care providers which will only get worse in the years to come. Our goal together with out state and JABSOM partners is to foster the foundation for the future primary care workforce for Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.





**Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:30am  
Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Senator Roslyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

From: Gidget Ruscetta  
COO -- Pali Momi Medical Center

**Re: HB 2546, HD2 – Testimony in Support**

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My name is Gidget Ruscetta and I am the chief operating officer for Pali Momi Medical Center. With 118 beds and more than 400 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi Medical Center offers a full range of services for the communities of Central and West O'ahu. The hospital has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including Central and West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization units to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, a comprehensive women's center, CT scan and MRI services, and the state's first retina center. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, one of the state's largest health care providers and a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care.

I am writing in support of HB 2546, SD2 which appropriates moneys to the Department of Health to fund a family medicine office practice and team-based training site for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. The clinic will be situated near Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi Medical Center has served as the hospital affiliate for JABSOM's family medicine residency program for several years. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawai'i so that graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawai'i.

Through a public-private partnership, we strive to enhance access to appropriate primary care services which has become increasingly difficult in Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Makino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Written Testimony Submitted to the

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

March 15, 2018

By

Kelly M. Makino, MD

HB 2546, HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

My name is Kelly Makino, and I am a second-year resident in the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. While I am a relatively new resident of the state of Hawaii, my husband was born and raised in Mililani and is a pediatric medicine resident, and we both plan to practice in Hawaii for the long-run after my husband finishes fellowship training in the continental United States. I am participating in the National Health Service Corps and have a commitment to working for the underserved for three years after my residency training. After this, I intend to complete fellowship in geriatric medicine and/or palliative care. I look forward to serving the elders of our community here in Hawaii in addition to patient of all ages. My dream is to be able to base my clinical practice in Oahu, with a satellite clinic in Maui to help extend the services of geriatric medicine to a community with a true shortage of geriatric specialists.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2546, HD2 which provides funding for the financing of the family medicine outpatient center at Pali Momi which will serve as the family medicine office practice for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. The goal of the project is to build a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site to create a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawaii. Being located in the Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West Oahu.

The family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral part of the network of training sites for the JABSOM family medicine residency program. Through the residency program, I see many patients who are on Medicare or Medicaid, and who do not have ready access to a primary care healthcare provider. Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult in Hawaii. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for our patients to have immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawaii so that more graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawaii. At JABSOM we know that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawaii stay in Hawaii. Over the past 5 years, 100% of residents in JABSOM's Family Medicine Residency Program have stayed in Hawaii, many of whom care for patients in rural communities as well as on the Neighbor Islands.

Mahalo nui loa for your care and consideration in addressing this very important matter.

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Testimony for CPH on 3/15/2018 9:30:00 AM

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Lee Buenconsejo-Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 2546 HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

I am a long-time faculty member in the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's (UH JABSOM) Family Medicine Residency Program and presently oversee all of the residency and fellowship programs (Graduate Medical Education or GME) at JABSOM. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 2546 HD2 as a private citizen and on behalf of the patients, medical students and residents that I have had the privilege to work with for over 20 years.

HB 2546 HD2 makes an appropriation to Department of Health for the financing of construction of a family medicine outpatient center adjacent to the Pali Momi Medical Center. The goal of the project is to build a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site to create a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawaii. Being located in the Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West Oahu.

As the needs of our population become more complex, it is critical that the next generation of physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other health professionals be trained in an interprofessional setting that provides patient-centered care in a comprehensive and holistic approach. A new academic family medicine outpatient clinical training site is an important component to providing transformed and cost-effective patient care. It is also a required clinical site for accredited Family Medicine training across the United States. As the UH JABSOM Family Medicine Residency program has trained over 120 family physicians since 1994, with more than 75% continuing to practice in Hawaii, the program has a continued mission to train the next generation of primary care doctors in clinical settings that will keep them in Hawaii and best serve the changing population needs.

Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult for many patients in Hawaii. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women and families under one roof. Women patients

will also be able to receive important primary care and cancer screening services in the same location. A new clinical space importantly creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawaii so that graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawaii. Over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawaii stay in Hawaii. Many of our graduates who have trained in our rural communities and on the neighbor islands have remained in those areas to practice. The public benefit of this project is large and will leverage public-private partnerships to transform primary care for patients of Central and West O`ahu while creating much needed primary care physicians and collaborative interprofessional training sites.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this proposal.

Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, MD, FAAFP

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Comments:

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Komal Soin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Thursday March 15, 2018 at 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2546 HD2**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER**

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the committee, I am Robin E. S. Miyamoto, a Clinical Psychologist and a member of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of HB 2546 SD2. This bill would help to build a family medicine office practice and team-based training site on the Pali Momi campus.

I support this bill for numerous reasons:

- There is a 20% shortage in physicians in Hawaii, which will likely worsen. Growing our own physicians can help to ensure a strong physician workforce here and access to quality and culturally competent health care, especially in primary care where physicians are most needed. We know that Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are more likely to choose primary care and work in underserved areas of Hawaii after completing medical school.
- Completion of both medical school and residency training in a traditional primary care specialty at UH JABSOM significantly increases the likelihood that a physician will stay to practice in Hawai'i. Only 20 percent of those completing residency training elsewhere returning to practice in Hawaii. The primary care workforce supply as currently structured will not meet the ongoing statewide shortage. Long-term policies at the state level should be developed to fully resource the primary care physician pipeline with attention to those programs with the greatest likelihood of contributing to the solution.
- Ninety-seven percent of Family Medicine residents who complete the UH JABSOM Department of Family Medicine and Community Health Residency Program go on to practice in a primary care setting.
- The Department of Family Medicine and Community Health's team based care clinic is currently the only provider in the Central District of Oahu accepting new Medicaid patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Written Testimony Submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
March 15, 2018  
By

Kelley Withy, MD, PhD

HB 2546, HD2 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and members of the committee:

My name is Kelley Withy. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2546, HD2 which provides funding for the financing of the family medicine outpatient center at Pali Momi which will serve as the family medicine office practice for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) family medicine residency program. The goal of the project is to build a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site to create a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawaii. Being located in the Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West Oahu. As we have a shortage of 282 primary care providers, this is very important for our state.

The family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral part of the network of training sites for the JABSOM family medicine residency program. Through the residency program, I see many patients who are on Medicare or Medicaid, and who do not have ready access to a primary care healthcare provider. Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult in Hawaii. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians in a location of need. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for our patients to have immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawaii so that more graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawaii. At JABSOM we know that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawaii stay in Hawaii. Over the past 5 years, 100% of residents in JABSOM's Family Medicine Residency Program have stayed in Hawaii, many of whom care for patients in rural communities as well as on the Neighbor Islands.

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Comments:

**HB-2546-HD-2**

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Camlyn Masuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This appropriation will help improve services and amount of primary care providers that are available to Central Oahu which is in need of healthcare providers.