
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 continued
2 training and support of advanced practice registered nurses is
3 necessary to address the State's shortage of primary care
4 providers. Residents in rural areas often do not have direct
5 access to physicians. Hospitals have had to expend millions of
6 dollars in order to address the medical issues associated with
7 people experiencing homelessness. For example, in 2017,
8 Hawaii's largest hospital reported that caring for homeless
9 patients had cost about \$90 million per year. Further, because
10 Medicaid did not reimburse all of the expenses, the hospital
11 absorbed almost \$40 million in expenses over a four-year period.

12 The purpose of this Act is to support the expansion of
13 primary medical care in the State by: (1) establishing a
14 residency program at the University of Hawaii center for nursing
15 to assist newly-graduated advanced practice registered nurses in
16 transitioning into clinical practice; (2) appropriating funds to
17 the University of Hawaii center for nursing to fund the advanced



1 practice registered nurse residency program; and (3)
 2 appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
 3 school of medicine for the advanced practice registered nurse
 4 residency loan repayment program.

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

8 **"§304A- Advanced practice registered nurse residency**
 9 **program; establishment; center for nursing.** (a) There is
 10 established within the University of Hawaii center for nursing
 11 an advanced practice registered nurse residency program. The
 12 residency program shall be a six- to nine-month program to
 13 provide eligible residency participants with clinical practice
 14 experience, with the aim of improving patient care.

15 (b) The dean of the University of Hawaii school of nursing
 16 and dental hygiene shall be responsible for:

17 (1) Developing and implementing the residency program in
 18 cooperation with the nursing profession, medical
 19 residency programs, hospitals, and clinics located
 20 throughout the State;



- 1 (2) Overseeing the advanced practice registered nurses
2 supervising the eligible residency participants;
- 3 (3) Ensuring that the advanced practice registered nurses
4 supervising the eligible residency participants
5 represent a wide range of specialties;
- 6 (4) Using the Fellowship and Residency Electronic
7 Interactive Database Access System or developing an
8 alternate selection process and procedure to select
9 eligible residency participants;
- 10 (5) Determining the education and training locations for
11 the residency program; provided that priority
12 consideration shall be given to communities in the
13 State where the population, facilities, number of
14 advanced practice registered nurses, and interest in
15 the nursing profession are conducive to success of the
16 residency program and will augment the provision of
17 health care in the State; and
- 18 (6) Adopting rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate
19 the purpose of this section, including determining
20 penalties for violations of subsection (c);
21 establishing the selection criteria for the stipend



1 and loan repayment plans under subsections (d) and
2 (e), respectively; and detailing the notification and
3 process to accelerate loans provided under subsection
4 (e).

5 (c) Service commitment. Upon completion of the residency
6 program, eligible residency participants may be required to
7 commit to two years of full-time employment at the facility
8 where the residency occurred in the State. Failure to complete
9 the service commitment by the eligible residency participant may
10 result in financial penalties.

11 (d) An eligible residency participant may qualify for a
12 stipend as part of the residency program. Any stipend paid to
13 an eligible residency participant shall be paid from the general
14 medical education fund.

15 (e) An eligible residency participant may qualify for a
16 loan repayment plan through the advanced practice registered
17 nurse residency loan repayment program administered through the
18 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine as
19 follows:

20 (1) The term of any loan to an eligible residency
21 participant shall not exceed seven years from the date



1 of the completion of the residency program by the
2 eligible residency participant or the date that the
3 eligible residency participant leaves full-time
4 practice in a qualified rural area, whichever is
5 sooner;

6 (2) If the eligible residency participant leaves full-time
7 practice in a qualified rural area, the eligible
8 residency participant shall notify the University of
9 Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine within
10 days of leaving full-time practice and the loan shall
11 accelerate and become due in full within days
12 after the notice; and

13 (3) Loans awarded from the advanced practice registered
14 nurse residency loan repayment program shall not
15 exceed per cent of the total tuition of the
16 residency program.

17 (f) For the purposes of this section:

18 "Eligible residency participant" means a person who:

19 (1) Graduated from an accredited graduate nursing program
20 recognized by the Accreditation Commission for



1 Education in Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate
2 Nursing Education and:

3 (A) Holds a current unencumbered license as an
4 advanced practice registered nurse in this State
5 under chapter 457, or successfully obtains
6 licensure prior to participating in the residency
7 program; and

8 (B) Has less than twelve months of experience working
9 in their field of licensure; or

10 (2) Applied for the residency program in the final
11 semester of study at an accredited advanced practice
12 registered nurse program or accredited graduate
13 nursing program recognized by the Accreditation
14 Commission for Education in Nursing or the Commission
15 on Collegiate Nursing Education, and successfully
16 obtains licensure prior to participating in the
17 residency program.

18 "Qualified rural area" means any area designated as a
19 medically underserved area/population by the United States
20 health resources and services administration or an area for
21 which the governor has requested designation as an exceptional



1 medically underserved area/population from the United States
2 health resources and services administration."

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to carry
6 out the purposes of this Act; provided that no funds authorized
7 pursuant to this section shall be released unless the University
8 of Hawaii center for nursing secures dollar-for-dollar matching
9 funds for the residency program.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
11 Hawaii center for nursing for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
15 advanced practice registered nurse residency loan repayment
16 program.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
18 Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine for the purposes of this
19 Act.

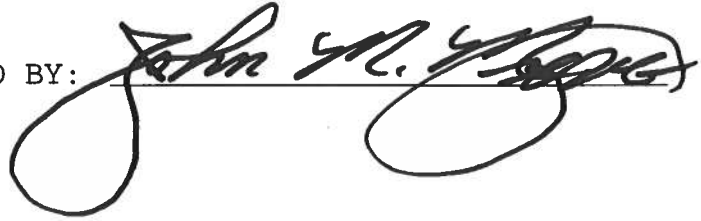


1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 678

Report Title:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Residency Program; University of Hawaii; Center for Nursing; Loan Repayment Program

Description:

Establishes a residency program to assist newly-graduated advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) in transitioning into a clinical practice. Appropriating funds for the APRN residency program and the APRN residency loan repayment program.

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