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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that stemming the  
2 critical and growing shortage of qualified physicians in Hawaii  
3 is a matter of statewide public concern. The lack of residency  
4 training opportunities for local medical graduates contributes  
5 significantly to this shortage.

6           Residency is a supervised, hands-on training program that  
7 must be completed prior to licensure, board certification, and  
8 independent practice. This course of training lasts at least  
9 three years and exposes new doctors to varied care settings,  
10 diverse patients, and new research methods.

11           The legislature further finds that, according to a recent  
12 study at the university of Hawaii's John A. Burns school of  
13 medicine, while medical school class sizes are increasing,  
14 available residency positions in Hawaii are shrinking. In fact,  
15 the State ranks in the bottom fifth for available residency  
16 positions per graduate.



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1           The legislature finds that federal funds support only a  
2 small portion of the costs associated with post-graduate medical  
3 training. The amount falls far short of what is needed to  
4 support and expand the State's critically important residency  
5 programs. Federal funding has also failed to keep pace with the  
6 growing costs of medical training, placing significant financial  
7 burdens on teaching hospitals and forcing them to limit their  
8 residency opportunities.

9           The purpose of this Act is to provide additional long-term  
10 funding to Hawaii teaching hospitals to support and expand their  
11 residency training programs.

12           SECTION 2. 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 2020-2021 to support  
15 the expansion of physician residency training programs in  
16 Hawaii's teaching hospitals; provided that no funds shall be  
17 released unless matched dollar-for-dollar by private funding  
18 sources.

19           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the medical  
20 education council in cooperation with the department of health  
21 for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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**Report Title:**

Medical Residency; Physician Shortage; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to support and expand medical residency training programs in state teaching hospitals. Requires dollar-for-dollar matching funds from private funding sources.

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