

JAN 18 2019

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 the State is facing
2 a critical shortage of physicians. Only twenty per cent of
3 medical school graduates from Hawai'i who complete residency
4 training outside the State return to practice medicine in
5 Hawai'i. As medical education in Hawai'i is currently
6 structured, the primary care physician workforce supply in the
7 State cannot meet the ongoing shortage.

8 The legislature further finds that completion of medical
9 school and residency training in a traditional primary care
10 specialty at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns school of
11 medicine significantly increases the likelihood that a physician
12 will stay to practice in Hawai'i. Native Hawaiians and Pacific
13 islanders in particular are more likely to choose to practice in
14 primary care and work in underserved areas of the State after
15 completing medical school. Providing opportunities that
16 encourage Hawai'i's students to pursue careers in medicine can
17 help to ensure a strong physician workforce and access to



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1 quality and culturally competent health care, especially in
 2 primary care where physicians are most needed. Further
 3 development of the primary care physician pipeline in the State
 4 will help to ensure that Hawai'i's medical students will be more
 5 likely to stay and practice in Hawai'i.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
 7 funds to the University of Hawai'i family medicine residency
 8 program to develop physician residency opportunities throughout
 9 the State.

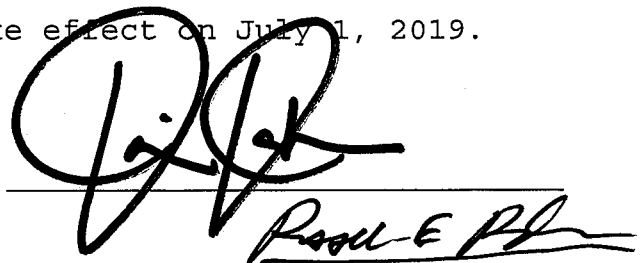
10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for
 13 the University of Hawaii family medicine residency program to
 14 establish a consortium of hospitals and other institutions
 15 participating in medical training to develop physician residency
 16 opportunities throughout the State.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
 18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Medical Education; Physicians; Hospitals; University of Hawaii
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Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Family Medicine Residency Program to establish a consortium of hospitals and other institutions participating in medical training to develop physician residency opportunities throughout the State.

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