

JAN 22 2021

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 growing shortage
2 of qualified physicians in Hawaii is a matter of statewide
3 public concern. The COVID-19 pandemic has made the need to
4 address this shortage especially critical. Currently, the State
5 lacks enough residency training positions to accommodate many of
6 the university of Hawaii's medical graduates. The lack of
7 residency training opportunities forces many new physicians to
8 leave the State.

9 The legislature further finds that federal funding supports
10 only a small portion of the costs of post-graduate medical
11 training. Further, the amount received from federal sources
12 falls far short of what is needed to support and expand
13 residency training programs in the State's teaching hospitals.
14 The legislature finds that creating additional training
15 opportunities is an essential first step in attracting and
16 retaining qualified physicians.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide
2 additional long-term funding to Hawaii's teaching hospitals to
3 support and expand their residency training programs.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
8 2022-2023 for supporting and expanding physician residency
9 training programs in Hawaii's teaching hospitals; provided that
10 no funds shall be released unless matched dollar-for-dollar by
11 private funding sources.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the medical
13 education council in cooperation with the department of health
14 for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

Medical Residency; Physician Shortage; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support and expand physician residency training programs in state teaching hospitals. Requires dollar-for-dollar matching funds from private funding sources.

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