

JAN 19 2023

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 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
4 pandemic highlighted the critical need to address this shortage.
5 Currently, the State lacks enough residency programs to
6 accommodate many of the university of Hawaii's medical
7 graduates. The lack of residency training opportunities forces
8 many new physicians to 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 believes that creating additional training
15 opportunities is an essential first step in attracting and
16 retaining qualified physicians.



S.B. NO. 262

Report Title:

Medical Residency; Physician Shortage; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys 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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