

A Bill for an Act Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 304A-2171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Moneys in the special fund shall be used to support the John A. Burns school of medicine’s activities related to physician workforce assessment and planning within Hawaii; provided that of the physician workforce assessment fees transferred and deposited into the special fund pursuant to section 453-8.8, no less than fifty per cent of the total amount of assessment fees deposited shall be used for purposes identified by the Hawaii medical education council to support physician workforce assessment and planning efforts, including the recruitment and retention of physicians, for rural and medically underserved areas of the State; provided further that expenditures from the special fund shall be limited to no more than ~~[\$150,000]~~ \$245,000 annually. This shall include but not be limited to maintaining accurate physician workforce assessment information and providing or updating personal and professional information, that shall be maintained in a secure database. The John A. Burns school of medicine may disclose information specific to any physician only with the express written consent of that physician.”

SECTION 2. Section 453-8.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~[[§453-8.8]]~~ Physician workforce assessment fee; license; physician workforce information. When a license is renewed, each physician or surgeon and each osteopathic physician or surgeon shall be assessed a fee of \$60 that shall be transferred and deposited into the John A. Burns school of medicine special fund established under section 304A-2171 to support ongoing assessment and planning of the physician workforce in Hawaii~~[-]~~, including ongoing assessment and planning, as well as the recruitment and retention of physicians, especially for the physician workforce serving rural and medically underserved areas of the State. Payment of the physician workforce assessment fee shall be required for license renewal.”

SECTION 3. Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is amended as follows:

1. By amending section 5 to read:

“SECTION 5. The John A. Burns school of medicine shall submit a report of findings and recommendations detailing its assessment of the physician workforce to the legislature, the state health planning and development agency, and the Hawaii medical board, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2011 and each ~~[odd-numbered]~~ year thereafter. The report to the Hawaii medical board shall also include information on the expenditure of the fees collected pursuant to section ~~[453—,]~~ 453-8.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to produce a physician workforce plan for Hawaii.”

2. By amending section 9 to read:

“SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009; provided that sections 3 and 4 shall be repealed on June 30, ~~[2012,]~~ 2017.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2012; provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017, and section 304A-2171(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on June 28, 2012.

(Approved June 28, 2012.)