THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that changes in 2 demographics, the delivery of health care services, and the 3 escalating costs of education have resulted in severe shortages 4 of health care professionals. A poor distribution of health 5 care professionals has resulted in a surplus of these 6 professionals in some areas of the State and a shortage in other 7 parts of the State, particularly in the more rural areas. The 8 rural shortage areas often require more services because the 9 health care needs are greater due to socio-economic or 10 geographic circumstances. The salary potential for health care 11 professionals in health professional shortage areas is often not 12 as favorable when compared to non-shortage areas. This salary 13 potential discrepancy results in many health care professionals 14 being financially unable to serve in health professional 15 shortage areas.

16 The legislature finds that in order to provide health care 17 shortage areas within the State with delivery of health care 18 services, the following programs need to be implemented: 2011-1225 SB22 SD1 SMA.doc

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1 (1) A loan repayment program. The loan repayment program 2 would obtain federal matching funds to be used to 3 repay eligible student loans in exchange for a service commitment by physicians and dentists practicing in 4 5 health professional shortage areas; and 6 (2)A recruitment program. The recruitment program would not receive federal matching funds. The recruitment 7 8 program would offer incentives to public or private 9 nonprofit organizations, communities, or recruitment 10 health professionals practicing in areas designated by the department of health that are experiencing a 11 12 shortage of health care professionals. Unlike the 13 loan repayment program, this program would be open to 14 all health care professionals, including physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners, pharmacists, allied 15 16 health professionals, and specialists - for example, 17 orthopedic surgeons - for whom there is an 18 acknowledged need in some areas of the State. The 19 incentives may include financial support for spouses 20 and families of recruitment health professionals. 21 Financial support for spouses and families of 22 recruitment health professionals is critical in

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1 recruiting and retaining health care professionals in 2 health professional shortage areas. Finally, unlike 3 the loan repayment program, recruitment health 4 professionals can practice in geographic areas not 5 covered under the loan repayment program.

6 The legislature further finds that due to the geographic 7 isolation and unique circumstances of Hawaii, health care 8 professionals who are already familiar with Hawaii should be 9 given preference in selection for participation in the program. 10 The geographic isolation of Hawaii has created a unique culture 11 here, and the public will benefit from having health care 12 professionals who understand the local situation. The 13 legislature finds that giving priority preference for 14 participation in the Hawaii health corps program to health care 15 professionals who are familiar with Hawaii will enable this 16 program to achieve its goals in the most efficient manner.

17 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 18 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 19 as follows:

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HAWAII HEALTH CORPS PROGRAM

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS



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1 -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the S 2 context clearly requires otherwise: 3 "Applicant" means an individual who has submitted a 4 completed application for the loan repayment program or the 5 recruitment program and meets the application requirements 6 established by the department for the respective program. "Approved site" means, for the purposes of the loan 7 8 repayment program, a provider site that is a public or nonprofit 9 private entity located in a health professional shortage area 10 and approved by the department. 11 "Dentist" means an individual licensed to practice 12 dentistry in the State under chapter 448. "Department" means the department of business, economic 13 14 development, and tourism. 15 "Eligible education" means education and training programs 16 approved by the department that lead to eligibility for 17 licensure as a repayment health care professional. "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated 18 19 with the costs of acquiring an eligible education such as 20 tuition, books, equipment, fees, room and board, and other 21 expenses determined by the department.



1 "Health professional shortage area" is an area in the 2 State, designated by the department of health, where there are 3 shortages of health professionals. In making health 4 professional shortage area designations in the State, the 5 department of health may be quided by applicable federal 6 standards. 7 "Incentives" means the cash or in-kind award made to a 8 recruitment recipient and includes awards made to a spouse or 9 the family of a recruitment health professional. 10 "Loan repayment program" means the loan repayment program 11 administered by the department under part II of this chapter. 12 "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice 13 medicine in the State pursuant to chapter 453. 14 "Qualifying educational loan" means a government or 15 commercial loan for eligible expenses. 16 "Recruitment health professional" means an individual who 17 is a health professional, including allopathic and osteopathic physicians (family practitioners, internists, pediatricians, 18 19 obstetricians and gynecologists, and general psychiatrists), 20 nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician 21 assistants, dentists, registered clinical dental hygienists, clinical or counseling psychologists, clinical social workers, 22 2011-1225 SB22 SD1 SMA.doc

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1	psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors,
2	licensed professional counselors, marriage and family
3	therapists, and health care specialists.
4	"Recruitment health professional shortage area" means a
5	health professional shortage area or other area determined by
6	the department of health to be experiencing a shortage of
7	recruitment health professionals.
8	"Recruitment program" means the recruitment program that is
9	administered by the department under part III of this chapter.
10	"Recruitment recipient" means either a recruitment health
11	professional or a public or private nonprofit organization or
12	community that employs a recruitment health professional.
13	"Repayment health care professional" means a primary care
14	physician, family care practitioner, internist, pediatrician,
15	obstetrician, general psychologist, or general practice dentist.
16	"Repayment participant" means a repayment health care
17	professional who has received a loan repayment award and has
18	commenced practice in a health professional shortage area.
19	PART II. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
20	§ -11 Loan repayment program established. There is
21	established the loan repayment program within the department.
22	The loan repayment program shall be administered in a manner
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that is consistent with the provisions of Title 42 United States
 Code Section 254q-1, as the same may be amended from time to
 time.

4 The loan repayment program shall S -12 Administration. 5 be administered by the department. The department shall: 6 Accept applications from interested persons; (1)Develop criteria for the selection of repayment 7 (2)8 participants; Select repayment health care professionals to 9 (3) participate in the loan repayment program; provided 10 that the department shall not select more than twenty 11 individuals in one year and have no more than one 12 13 hundred individuals participating in the loan repayment program at any one time, subject to 14 available funding and the need for repayment health 15 care professionals in health professional shortage 16 17 areas; Collect and manage repayments from repayment 18 (4) participants who do not meet their service obligations 19

for breach of the service obligation;

under this chapter, including enforcing the remedies

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1	(5)	Publicize and market the loan repayment program,
2		particularly to maximize participation by individuals
3		in health professional shortage areas;
4	(6)	Solicit and accept grants and donations from public
5		and private sources for the loan repayment program;
6	(7)	Develop criteria for and enter into a contract with
7		repayment health care professionals that obligate the
8		repayment health care professionals to complete the
9		service obligation and to comply fully with the terms
10		and conditions of the loan repayment program;
11	(8)	Administer the recruitment program separately from the
12		loan repayment program;
13	(9)	Establish a group, which shall be advisory only,
14		comprising representatives from government and the
15		health profession, including providers, community
16		health centers, and professional organizations, to
17		assist the department in developing criteria to select
18		participants, determine areas having the greatest need
19		for health professionals, and advise on other matters
20		related to the administration of the loan repayment
21		program. The same members may serve on the advisory

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1		group for the loan repayment program and the
2		recruitment program; and
3	(10)	Take any and all other actions necessary to administer
4		the loan repayment program.
5	S	-13 Eligibility. (a) To be eligible to participate in
6	the loan	repayment program, a repayment health care professional
7	shall:	
8	(1)	Submit an application to the department;
9	(2)	Have a signed employment agreement or contract with an
- 10		approved site;
11	(3)	Provide copies of loan documentation;
12	(4)	Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of
13		the United States;
14	(5)	Perform the service obligation at an approved site;
15	(6)	Provide full-time clinical services at an approved
16		site;
17	(7)	Charge for the individual's professional services at
18		the usual and customary prevailing rates in the area
19		where the services are provided; except that if a
20		person is unable to pay the charge, the person may be
21		charged at a reduced rate or not charged any fee;

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1	(8)	Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the
2		patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the
3		payment for care will be made pursuant to medicare,
4		medicaid, or the state children's health insurance
5		program;
6	(9)	Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title
7		XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an
8		appropriate agreement with the state agency that
9		administers the state plan for medicaid under Title
10		XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an
11		appropriate agreement with the state children's health
12		insurance program to provide service to children under
13		Title XXI of the Social Security Act;
14	(10)	Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if
15		the service obligation is not completed for any
16		reason;
17	(11)	Be a licensed and qualified repayment health care
18		professional in the State and maintain licensure and
19		qualifications during the service obligation period;
20	(12)	Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of
21		repayment health care professionals in the State; and



1	(13)	Meet any other requirements that may be established by
2		the department.
3	(b)	In addition to the requirements set forth in
4	subsection	n (a), to be eligible to participate in the loan
5	repayment	program, a repayment health care professional shall
6	not have:	
7	(1)	Any other outstanding contractual obligations for
8		health professional services to the federal
9		government, a state government, or other entity or
10		organization unless that service obligation will be
11		completely satisfied before the contract for the
12		service obligation under the loan repayment program is
13		signed;
14	(2)	A judgment lien against the individual's property for
15		a debt to the United States;
16	(3)	A history of failing to comply with, or inability to
17		comply with, service or payment obligations;
18	(4)	Defaulted on any federal payment obligation, even if
19		the creditor considers the obligation to be in good
20		standing;
21	(5)	Breached a prior service obligation to the federal,
22		state, or local government or other entity or
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1		organization, even if the obligation was subsequently
2	3	satisfied; or
3	(6)	Had any federal debt written off as uncollectible
4		(pursuant to Title 31 United States Code Section
5		3711(a)) or had any federal service or payment
6		obligation waived.
7	S	-14 Preference and selection. (a) In selecting
8	repayment	participants, the department shall give:
9	(1)	First priority preference to graduates of the
10		University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
11		who indicate an intent to work in a primary care
12		physician discipline;
13	(2)	Second priority preference to graduates of the
14		University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
15	•	who indicate an intent to work in a specialty
16		discipline;
17	(3)	Third priority preference to residents of the State
18		who reside in health care professional shortage areas
19		and have obtained residency through a minimum of three
20		of the following six criteria:
21		(A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least
22		twelve months;
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1		(B)	Legal residence of the applicant's parents;
2		(C)	The applicant's place of birth;
3		(D)	Location of the high school from which the
4			applicant graduated;
5		(E)	The applicant is a native Hawaiian;
6		(F)	Location of the college or university that the
7			applicant attended; or
8		(Ġ)	The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a
9			John A. Burns school of medicine graduate,
10			graduate of a Hawaii residency program, or is a
11			University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
12			medicine faculty member; and
13	(4)	Four	th priority preference to residents of the State
14		who	have obtained residency through a minimum of three
15		of t	he six criteria established pursuant to paragraph
16		(3),	and who reside in non-shortage areas.
17	(b)	Addi	tional criteria used to select repayment health
18	care prof	essio	nals for the loan repayment program shall be
19	determine	d by	the department. The criteria may include: the
20	need for	prima	ry care physicians and dentists in the health
21	professio	nal s	hortage areas, the willingness of an applicant to
22	work full	-time	in the health professional shortage area, or the
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likelihood of the applicant continuing to practice in the health
 professional shortage area after the service obligation has been
 completed.

4 § -15 Eligible expenses. The department shall only
5 repay qualifying educational loans.

6 S -16 Amount of the award. Subject to the availability 7 of funding and need for repayment health care professionals in 8 health professional shortage areas, the amount of the award 9 shall be determined by the department but shall not exceed the 10 maximum amounts permitted to be awarded to repayment 11 participants under Title 42 United States Code Section 12 2541-1(g)(2)(A), as the same may be amended from time to time.

13 § -17 Service obligation. A repayment participant shall
14 agree to serve full-time at an approved site for a minimum of
15 two years with the possibility of extending the service
16 obligation for one-year terms for a total service obligation not
17 to exceed five years. Periods of internship, preceptorship,
18 clinical training, or other postgraduate training shall not be
19 counted toward the service obligation.

20 § -18 Cancellation of service obligation. The
21 department may cancel a contract with a repayment participant
22 only upon the death of the repayment participant.



1 -19 Waiver of service obligation. The department may S 2 permanently waive the service obligation based upon 3 documentation from the repayment participant that a medical 4 condition or a personal situation makes compliance with the 5 service obligation permanently impossible, as determined by the 6 department. 7 S -20 Suspension. The department may temporarily 8 suspend the repayment participant's service obligation based 9 upon documentation from the repayment participant of a medical 10 condition or personal situation that makes compliance with the 11 service obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the 12 department.

13 § -21 Default. A repayment participant who fails to 14 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum 15 of the following:

16 (1) The amount paid to or on behalf of a repayment
17 participant for any period of obligated service not
18 served;

19 (2) The amount equal to the number of months of obligated
20 service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and

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1 (3) Interest on the above amounts at the maximum 2 prevailing interest rate determined by the Treasurer 3 of the United States from the day of the default; 4 provided that the amount the State is entitled to collect shall 5 not be less than \$31,000. 6 S -22 Hawaii health corps first responder service 7 **obligation.** If a civil defense or other emergency is proclaimed 8 under section 127-10 or 128-7, physicians and dentists 9 participating in the Hawaii health corps program may be ordered 10 into service by the governor as a critical action relief lineup 11 to serve in areas of the State and in a capacity determined by 12 the director. 13 -23 Hawaii health corps special fund. (a) S There is 14 established within the state treasury a special fund to be known 15 as the Hawaii health corps special fund to be administered and 16 expended by the department. 17 The fund shall be used to provide stipends to (b) 18 qualifying Hawaii health corps physicians and dentists pursuant 19 to this chapter. 20 (c) Moneys deposited into this fund shall include 21 appropriations made by the legislature from general funds, 22 private contributions, stipend repayments, and interest on and 2011-1225 SB22 SD1 SMA.doc

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1	other inc	come from the fund, which shall be separately accounted
2	for.	
3	S	-24 Rules. The department may adopt rules under
4	chapter 9	I relating to the loan repayment program.
5		PART III. RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
6	S	-31 Recruitment program established. There is
7	establish	ned the recruitment program within the department.
8	S	-32 Administration. The recruitment program shall be
9	administe	ered by the department. The department shall:
10	(1)	Maintain listings of communities and areas within the
11		State with need for recruitment health professionals;
12	(2)	Maintain listings of recruitment health professionals
13		interested in working in the communities and areas;
14	(3)	Act as an intermediary between communities or public
15		or private nonprofit organizations and recruitment
16		health professionals desiring to practice in
17		recruitment health professional shortage areas;
18	(4)	Work with communities and public or private nonprofit
19		organizations to recruit and retain recruitment health
20		professionals to work and live in communities
21		experiencing a shortage of recruitment health
22		professionals;

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1	(5)	Work with recruitment health professionals desiring to
2		work in recruitment health professional shortage
3		areas;
4	(6)	Develop funding models for the recruitment program
5		that provide for security and flexibility for
6		recruitment health professionals;
7	(7)	Develop incentive payment structures and packages that
8		support the recruitment health professionals, their
9		spouses, and families. The incentive payment
10		structures and packages may include professional
11		liability insurance relief, cost of living allowances,
12		income guarantee payments, housing allowances, vehicle
13	× 1	provision or a vehicle allowance, continuing medical
14		education, telemedicine capability, the waiver of
15		fees, or providing employment opportunities for the
16		spouses of recruitment health professionals;
17	(8)	Work with other agencies to minimize or remove
18		regulatory barriers to relocating or practicing in
19		health professional shortage areas;
20	(9)	Select recruitment recipients using criteria
21		established by the department;
22	(10)	Publicize and market the recruitment program;

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1 (11)Solicit and accept grants and donations from public 2 and private sources for the recruitment program; 3 (12)Administer the recruitment program separately from the 4 loan repayment program, except to the extent provided 5 in this chapter; 6 (13)Enter into a contract with a recruitment recipient 7 that obligates the recruitment recipient to provide 8 the services of a recruitment health professional in 9 the recruitment health professional shortage area for 10 the length of the service obligation; 11 (14)Establish a group, which shall be advisory only, 12 comprising representatives from government and the 13 health profession, including providers, community 14 health centers, and professional organizations, to 15 assist the department in developing criteria to select 16 recruitment health professionals, determine areas 17 having the greatest need for health professionals, and 18 advise on other matters related to the administration 19 of the recruitment program. The same members may 20 serve on the advisory group for the loan repayment 21 program and the recruitment program; and

1	(15)	Take any and all other actions necessary to administer
2		the recruitment program.
3	S	-33 Selection and preference. (a) In selecting
4	recruitme	nt recipients, the department shall give:
5	(1)	First priority preference to graduates of the
6		University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
7		who indicate an intent to work in a primary care
8		physician discipline;
9	(2)	Second priority preference to graduates of the
10		University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
11		who indicate an intent to work in a specialty
12		discipline;
13	(3)	Third priority preference to residents of the State
14		who reside in health care professional shortage areas
15		and have obtained residency through a minimum of three
16		of the following six criteria:
17		(A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least
18		twelve months;
19		(B) Legal residence of the applicant's parents;
20		(C) The applicant's place of birth;
21		(D) Location of the high school from which the
22		applicant graduated;
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1		(E)	The applicant is a native Hawaiian;
2		(F)	Location of the college or university that the
3			applicant attended; or
4		(G)	The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a
5			John A. Burns school of medicine graduate,
6			graduate of a Hawaii residency program, or is a
7			University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
8			medicine faculty member; and
9	(4)	Four	th priority preference to residents of the State
10	•	who	have obtained residency through a minimum of three
11		of t	he six criteria established pursuant to paragraph
12		(3),	and who reside in non-shortage areas.
13	(b)	The	department shall develop additional criteria for
14	selecting	recr	uitment recipients. The criteria may include the
15	need for	recru	itment health professionals in the recruitment
16	health pr	ofess	ional shortage areas, the willingness of an
17	applicant	to w	ork full-time in the recruitment health
18	professio	nal s	hortage areas, or the likelihood of the applicant
19	continuin	g to	practice in the recruitment health professional
20	shortage	area	after the service obligation has been completed.
21	S	-34	Award of incentives. (a) Incentives shall only
22	be awarde	d to	recruitment recipients.
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(b) Subject to available funding and need for recruitment
 health professionals in the recruitment health professional
 shortage area, the amount of the incentives awarded to each
 recruitment recipient shall be determined by the department, but
 shall not exceed the amount of \$17,500 per recruitment recipient
 per year.

7 S -35 Eligibility. (a) The recruitment program shall 8 accept applications from recruitment health professionals, or 9 public or nonprofit private entities or communities intending to 10 employ or currently employing a recruitment health professional. 11 To be eligible to participate in the recruitment (b) 12 program, the applicant shall: In the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or 13 (1)

14 community, employ or intend to employ and provide the 15 services of a recruitment health professional for the 16 length of the service obligation in a recruitment 17 health professional shortage area; or 18 (2) In the case of a recruitment health professional, 19 provide the services of a recruitment health 20 professional in a recruitment health professional

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shortage area.

1	(c)	In addition to the requirements set forth in
2	subsectio	n (a), to be eligible to participate in the recruitment
3	program,	a recruitment health professional shall also:
4	(1)	Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of
5		the United States;
6	(2)	Provide full-time services of a recruitment health
7		professional in the recruitment health professional
8		shortage area;
9	(3)	Charge for the recruitment health professional's
10		professional services at the usual and customary
11		prevailing rates in the area where the services are
12		provided, except that if a person is unable to pay the
13		charge, the person may be charged at a reduced rate or
14		not charged any fee;
15	(4)	Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the
16		patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the
17		payment for the care will be made pursuant to
18		medicare, medicaid, or the state children's health
19		insurance program;
20	(5)	Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title
21		XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an
22		appropriate agreement with the state agency that



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1		administers the state plan for medicaid under Title
2		XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an
3		appropriate agreement with the state children's health
4		insurance program to provide service to children under
5		Title XXI of the Social Security Act;
6	(6)	Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if
7		the service obligation is not completed for any
8		reason;
9	(7)	Be a licensed and qualified recruitment health
10		professional in the State and maintain the licensure
11		and qualifications during the service obligation
12		period;
13	(8)	Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of
14		recruitment health professionals in the State; and
15	(9)	Meet any other requirements that may be established by
16		the department.
17	S	-36 Service obligation. The recruitment recipient, in
18	the case	of a public or nonprofit private entity or community,
19	shall obligate the recruitment health professional to practice	
20	full-time in a recruitment health professional shortage area for	
21	a minimum	of two years with the possibility of extending the
22	service c	bligation for one-year terms for a total service
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1 obligation not to exceed five years. Periods of internship, 2 preceptorship, clinical training, or other post-graduate 3 training shall not be counted toward the service obligation. 4 S -37 Recruitment health professional shortage areas. 5 The recruitment recipients shall be located in and shall provide 6 services of a recruitment health professional in a recruitment 7 health professional shortage area. 8 S -38 Waiver of service obligation. The department may 9 permanently waive the service obligation based upon 10 documentation from a recruitment recipient that a medical 11 condition or a personal situation makes compliance with the 12 service obligation permanently impossible, as determined by the 13 department.

14 § -39 Suspension. The department may temporarily 15 suspend the service obligation based upon documentation from a 16 recruitment recipient of a medical condition or personal 17 situation that makes compliance with the service obligation 18 temporarily impossible, as determined by the department.

19 § -40 Default. A recruitment recipient who fails to
20 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum
21 of the following:

1	(1)	The amount paid to or on behalf of a repayment	
2		participant for any period of obligated service not	
3		served;	
4	(2)	The amount equal to the number of months of obligated	
5		service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and	
6	(3)	Interest on the above amounts at the maximum	
7		prevailing interest rate determined by the Treasurer	
8	X	of the United States from the day of the default;	
9	provided	that the amount the State is entitled to collect shall	
10	not be less than \$31,000.		
11 °	S	-41 Rules. The department may adopt rules under	
12	chapter 91 relating to the recruitment program.		
13		PART IV. FIRST RESPONDERS	
14	S	-51 First responders. All repayment participants and	
15	all recruitment health professionals participating in the		
16	recruitment program shall commit to serve as first responders in		
17	the event of a declared emergency in the State or at the request		
18	of the director of health.		
19		PART V. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS	
20	S	-61 Coordination. Notwithstanding that the loan	
21	repayment	program and recruitment program shall be administered	
22	separatel	y, the department shall determine the need for	
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repayment health care professionals and recruitment health
 professionals in areas of the State experiencing a shortage of
 health care professionals and select participants for the
 respective programs.

5 S -62 Coordination of funds. Funds appropriated by the 6 legislature for the purposes of this chapter or received from 7 private sources may be allocated by the department between the 8 loan repayment program and recruitment program based on the need 9 for the funds and need for either repayment health care 10 professionals or recruitment health professionals within the 11 State."

SECTION 3. (a) The department of business, economic
development, and tourism shall implement the Hawaii health corps
program no later than June 30, 2012.

15 (b) For the purposes of efficiency in the implementation 16 of the Hawaii health corps program, the department shall award a 17 minimum of thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the first 18 year of the program, an additional thirty stipends of \$30,000 19 per recipient in the second year of the program, and an 20 additional thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the third 21 year of the program. Thereafter, the department shall award 22 annually a maximum of one hundred stipends in perpetuity.



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(c) The director of business, economic development, and
 tourism shall report to the legislature on the status of the
 Hawaii health corps program no later than twenty days prior to
 the convening of each regular session of the legislature
 beginning with the regular session of 2012.

6 SECTION 4. If any part of this Act is found to be in 7 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed 8 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the 9 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent 10 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly 11 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the 12 remainder of this Act in its application to the agencies concerned. The rules under this Act shall meet federal 13 14 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the State. 15

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and 19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 20 year 2012-2013 for the purposes of this Act.

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1	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2	of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3	of this Act.
4	SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Hawaii Health Corps Program; Physician Shortage; Health Care; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii health corps program to address physician shortages in rural areas of the State; establishes a loan repayment program and an incentive plan for the recruitment of health care professionals to serve shortage areas. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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