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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State faces a
- 2 severe shortage of health care providers. This situation is
- 3 particularly acute in primary care, where most of the
- 4 prevention, early intervention, and health care cost savings
- 5 occur.
- 6 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii health
- 7 systems corporation primary care training program is an
- 8 effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary
- 9 care providers and improve access to health care throughout the
- 10 State. Administered by Hilo medical center in coordination with
- 11 the Hawaii health systems corporation regions, this
- 12 interdisciplinary program includes: the Hawaii island family
- 13 medicine residency program; training for advanced practice
- 14 nurses from the school of nursing and dental hygiene at the
- 15 University of Hawaii at Manoa and the school of nursing at the
- 16 University of Hawaii at Hilo; clinical pharmacists from the
- 17 University of Hawaii at Hilo's college of pharmacy; and post-

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- 1 doctoral fellows from I Ola Lahui, an organization that trains
- 2 psychologists to meet the needs of residents of rural areas.
- 3 The success of this training model, which will be expanded
- 4 to other neighbor island health facilities, will generate
- 5 interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many
- 6 patients as independent practicing physicians. One of the
- 7 health facilities that will benefit from this training model is
- 8 Maui Memorial medical center. Maui will benefit greatly as the
- 9 Hawaii health systems corporation regions' program will
- 10 eliminate the need to train or attract unattainably high numbers
- 11 of physicians.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to address the shortage of
- 13 primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds for
- 14 the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary
- 15 care training program at Maui Memorial medical center.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of or so much
- 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
- 19 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care
- 20 training program at Maui Memorial medical center.
- The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health
- 22 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.



SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Primary Care Training Program; Maui Memorial Medical Center; Appropriation

Description:

Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Maui Memorial medical center.

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