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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH ACADEMIES
STATEWIDE.

1 WHEREAS, Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009,
2 required the John A. Burns School of Medicine to report findings
3 and recommendations detailing an assessment of the physician
4 workforce prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011
5 and every odd-numbered year thereafter; and
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7 WHEREAS, the John A. Burns School of Medicine's January
8 2015 Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment reports that:
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- 10 (1) The physician workforce in Hawaii has decreased from
11 2,894 full-time equivalent physicians providing
12 patient care in 2013 to 2,802 full-time equivalent
13 physicians in 2014;
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- 15 (2) The minimum current demand, not taking into account
16 shortages of non-physician clinicians in Hawaii or the
17 oversupply of some specialties artificially decreasing
18 demand, is 3,276 full-time equivalent physicians to
19 meet the needs of an equivalent demographic population
20 elsewhere in America;
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- 22 (3) When specialty-specific shortages are considered
23 individually and the excess of physicians in areas of
24 surplus are excluded from the calculation, the
25 shortage of physicians is estimated at 655 full-time
26 equivalent physicians, which indicates a continuing
27 shortage of twenty percent of full-time equivalent
28 physicians statewide; and
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- 30 (4) A best case scenario for future workforce numbers is
31 that by 2020, Hawaii will have a shortage of 800 full-
32 time equivalent physicians; and
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34 WHEREAS, given the impending, significant physician
35 shortage, this body recognizes an opportunity for Hawaii's



1 public school system to make significant contributions to a
2 health care workforce in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, established in 1991, the Farrington High School
5 Health Academy (Farrington Health Academy) is a
6 business/education partnership built on a health-related theme
7 that provides a transition to higher education and entry level
8 employment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Farrington Health Academy offers a three-year
11 interdisciplinary program that is open to incoming sophomores
12 and juniors who are interested in developing career interests in
13 health care and in preparing for entry level positions in health
14 occupations or further schooling in the health field; and

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16 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Farrington Health Academy was one of
17 twelve schools honored to receive the United States Department
18 of Education Secretary's Award for Outstanding Vocational
19 Technical Education Program; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Farrington Health Academy business/education
22 partnership includes the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the
23 University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, John A. Burns
24 School of Medicine, and other healthcare facilities in the
25 community, and receives support from healthcare partners in
26 areas such as curriculum development, job shadowing
27 opportunities, clinical experience, mock interviews, writing
28 assessment, guest speakers, and other in-kind support; and

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30 WHEREAS, this body applauds the Farrington Health Academy
31 for continuing to foster the development of home-grown health
32 care professionals; and

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34 WHEREAS, this body endorses the establishment of health
35 academies in high schools statewide by following the model the
36 Farrington Health Academy has set to help accommodate the
37 growing need for health care professionals in Hawaii; now,
38 therefore,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
41 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
42 that the Department of Education, Department of Health, and



1 health care industry are requested to establish health academies
 2 at high schools throughout the State by following the model of
 3 the Farrington High School Health Academy; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 7 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of Health,
 8 who is requested to disseminate copies to entities within the
 9 health care industry.
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