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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, with nearly thirty  
2 thousand people registered as medical cannabis patients in  
3 Hawaii, there is an unmet need for expertise in the field of  
4 cannabinoid medicine to facilitate the exchange of educational  
5 and research information related to the state-authorized use of  
6 cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii. The legislature also  
7 finds that the appropriate place to house such expertise should  
8 be the university of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine.

9           The purpose of this Act is to create a cannabinoid medicine  
10 program within the university of Hawaii, to be administered by  
11 the John A. Burns school of medicine.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart M, to be  
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15           "**\$304A- Certified cannabinoid medicine program;**  
16 **cannabinoid medicine expert.** (a) There is established within  
17 the university of Hawaii the cannabinoid medicine program, which



1 shall be administered by the John A. Burns school of medicine.  
2 The program shall include at least one non-tenure track  
3 associate professor position that shall be filled with a medical  
4 or osteopathic doctor who is a certified cannabinoid medicine  
5 specialist, to be appointed by the dean of the John A. Burns  
6 school of medicine. This position may either be a paid or an  
7 unpaid volunteer position.

8 (b) The mission of the cannabinoid medicine program shall  
9 be to pursue research and education related to the authorized  
10 use of cannabis for medical purposes in the State to:

- 11 (1) Protect patient safety; and
- 12 (2) Promote the development of the State as an  
13 international center for medical cannabis research and  
14 treatment.

15 (c) The activities of this program shall include:

- 16 (1) Coordinating with the university of Hawaii's cannabis  
17 testing and research programs to provide medical and  
18 scientific expertise on the various projects being  
19 undertaken by these programs;



- 1       (2) Participating in the development of cannabinoid
- 2           medicine education for the John A. Burns school of
- 3           medicine's problem-based learning curriculum;
- 4       (3) Providing continuing education on the medical use of
- 5           cannabis in the State to the medical community;
- 6       (4) Working with the department of health state
- 7           laboratories division to establish standardized
- 8           analytical testing methods for the State's medical
- 9           cannabis program; and
- 10       (5) Working with the department of health's medical
- 11           cannabis program to ensure regulatory compliance by
- 12           patients, laboratories, and dispensaries."

13       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; John A. Burns School of Medicine;  
Cannabinoid Medicine Program; Cannabinoid Medicine Expert

**Description:**

Establishes a cannabinoid medicine program within the University  
of Hawaii, to be administered by the John A. Burns school of  
medicine. (SD1)

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