A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the growing shortage
- 2 of qualified physicians in Hawaii is a matter of statewide
- 3 public concern. The coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic
- 4 highlighted the critical need to address this shortage.
- 5 Currently, the State lacks enough residency programs to
- 6 accommodate many of the University of Hawaii's medical
- 7 graduates. The lack of residency training opportunities forces
- 8 many new physicians to leave the State.
- 9 The legislature further finds that federal funding supports
- 10 only a small portion of the costs of post-graduate medical
- 11 training. Further, the amount received from federal sources
- 12 falls far short of what is needed to support and expand
- 13 residency training programs in the State's teaching hospitals.
- 14 The legislature believes that creating additional training
- 15 opportunities is an essential first step in attracting and
- 16 retaining qualified physicians.

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- 1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide
- 2 additional long-term funding to Hawaii's teaching hospitals to
- 3 support and expand their residency training programs.
- 4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
- 7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 8 year 2024-2025 for supporting and expanding physician residency
- 9 training programs in Hawaii's teaching hospitals.
- 10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the John A.
- 11 Burns school of medicine of the University of Hawai'i for the
- 12 purposes of this Act.
- 13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

Report Title:

Medical Residency; Physician Shortage; JABSOM; UH; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to support and expand physician residency training programs in state teaching hospitals. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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