
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL TUITION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is currently
2 experiencing a shortage of nearly eight hundred physicians.

3 The legislature further finds that in recent years, the
4 university of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine has
5 admitted seventy-seven new entrants per year, consisting of
6 sixty-seven Hawaii residents and ten out-of-state residents.
7 For the 2025-2026 academic year, expected Hawaii resident
8 tuition will be \$36,372 and out-of-state tuition will be
9 \$71,328.

10 The legislature also finds that only about half of the
11 individuals in each year's graduating class of the John A. Burns
12 school of medicine serve as a physician in Hawaii, whereas
13 approximately eighty per cent of the graduates who complete a
14 residency in Hawaii remain in Hawaii to serve as a physician.

15 The legislature believes that each graduate who benefits
16 from less expensive Hawaii resident tuition, which is subsidized
17 by the tens of millions of dollars in general funds appropriated



1 to the John A. Burns school of medicine by the legislature each
2 year, should be committed to using their medical knowledge for
3 the benefit of Hawaii.

4 The legislature additionally finds that requiring graduates
5 of the John A. Burns school of medicine who benefitted from
6 in-state tuition to serve as a physician in the State following
7 their medical residency or fellowship is a matter of statewide
8 concern pursuant to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State
9 Constitution.

10 The purpose of this Act is to require each graduate of the
11 university of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine who
12 benefitted from Hawaii resident tuition to commit to serving as
13 a physician in Hawaii for two years following a residency or
14 fellowship.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new subpart to part II to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:

18 "SUBPART . JOHN A. BURNS

19 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RESIDENT TUITION FEE

20 §304A-A John A. Burns school of medicine; resident tuition
21 fee. (a) This section shall apply to each individual who:



1 (1) Qualified for and paid resident tuition fee under
2 section 304A-402 while enrolled in a program that
3 culminated in the award of a doctor of medicine
4 degree; and

5 (2) After January 1, 2029, is awarded a doctor of medicine
6 degree by the university of Hawaii.

7 (b) Each individual under subsection (a) shall commence
8 serving as a physician in the State within five years after
9 completion of medical residency or fellowship, whichever is
10 later. The individual shall continue serving as a physician in
11 the State for not less than two consecutive years.

12 (c) Any individual under subsection (a) who does not
13 commence serving as a physician or continue serving as a
14 physician as required under subsection (b) shall reimburse the
15 State for the difference between the resident tuition fee and
16 the non-resident tuition fee for each year the individual paid
17 for resident tuition fee.

18 **§304A-B Extenuating circumstances.** The dean of the
19 university of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine, by rule,
20 may exempt any individual from the requirements of section
21 304A-A if the dean determines that there are extenuating



1 circumstances. The dean may extend the five-year period to
2 commence serving as a physician under section 304A-A(b) due to
3 extenuating circumstances.

4 **§304A-C Program administration.** (a) The university of
5 Hawaii shall monitor and verify each applicable individual's
6 fulfillment of the requirements under section 304A-A.

7 (b) The university of Hawaii may enter into a contract
8 with a private or public entity to enforce the requirements
9 under section 304A-A.

10 (c) The university of Hawaii shall enforce payment of
11 amounts owed under section 304A-A(c). Enforcement shall include
12 the use of all lawful collection procedures, including private
13 collection agencies.

14 **§304A-D Annual report.** The university of Hawaii shall
15 submit a report on section 304A-A to the legislature no later
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
17 of 2036 and every year thereafter. The report shall include
18 information on the number of individuals under
19 section 304A-A(a), separated by year of graduation, who:

20 (1) Have satisfied the requirements of section 304A-A(b);



- 1 (2) Are making reasonable progress toward satisfying the
- 2 requirements of section 304A-A(b);
- 3 (3) Have been subject to reimbursement under
- 4 section 304A-A(c) and the status of those
- 5 reimbursements; and
- 6 (4) Have been subject to extenuating circumstances under
- 7 section 304A-B."

8 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
9 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
10 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
11 the new sections in this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2050.



Report Title:

UH; JABSOM; Resident Tuition Fee; In-State Tuition

Description:

Requires graduates of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine who have paid in-state tuition to serve as a physician in the State for at least 2 years following their medical residency or fellowship. Begins with the class of 2029. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)

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