
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds there is a need to
2 support the Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy to ensure the
3 quality of health care and improve access to care for the people
4 of the State. With further resources, the college can
5 proactively address issues of the State's current health care
6 crisis and leverage pharmacists to fill gaps in care related to
7 medication management. Pharmacists are the most accessible
8 health care providers and strongly embedded as a trusted
9 resource in many remote communities. The college could leverage
10 pharmacists across the health care spectrum to recruit and
11 retain highly qualified pharmacists to practice in the State,
12 create a plan for an innovative pharmacy practice model, and
13 serve as the resource for the pharmacy profession as the medical
14 system shifts to a value and team-based care model where
15 pharmacy will play an integral role in patient outcomes. The
16 legislature further finds that supporting efforts to grow the
17 State's pharmacy workforce is a matter of statewide concern.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pharmacist
2 workforce assessment fee to fund activities of the Daniel K.
3 Inouye college of pharmacy to support pharmacist workforce
4 assessment and planning efforts.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to part V, subpart C, to be
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 "§304A- Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy special
9 fund. (a) There is established the Daniel K. Inouye college of
10 pharmacy special fund, to be administered and expended by the
11 university of Hawaii.

12 (b) The following shall be deposited into the special
13 fund:

14 (1) Appropriations by the legislature;

15 (2) Pharmacist workforce assessment fees established
16 pursuant to section 461- ;

17 (3) Grants, donations, gifts, or other income received for
18 the purposes of the special fund; and

19 (4) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special
20 fund.



1 (c) Moneys in the special fund shall be used to support
2 the Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy's activities related to
3 pharmacist workforce assessment and planning within the State;
4 provided that the pharmacist workforce assessment fees
5 transferred and deposited into the special fund pursuant to
6 section 461- shall be used to support pharmacist workforce
7 assessment and planning efforts, including the recruitment and
8 retention of pharmacists, for rural and medically underserved
9 areas of the State. These efforts shall include but not be
10 limited to:

11 (1) Maintaining accurate pharmacist workforce assessment
12 information and providing or updating personal and
13 professional information, which shall be maintained in
14 a secure database;

15 (2) Identification and evaluation of best practices and
16 models of pharmacy innovations for adaptation and
17 implementation appropriate for the State;

18 (3) Coordination and distribution of federal and state
19 grants related to pharmacy and access to care;

20 (4) Collaboration with already established centers for
21 other health care professionals in the State to help



1 develop and deploy team-based care models across the
2 State; and

3 (5) Annual reports to the legislature on pharmacy-related
4 initiatives supported by the State.

5 (d) The Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy may disclose
6 information specific to any pharmacist only with the express
7 written consent of that pharmacist."

8 SECTION 3. Chapter 461, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 **"§461- Pharmacist workforce assessment fee.** (a) There
12 shall be assessed upon every license and permit issued by the
13 board a pharmacist workforce assessment fee, as determined under
14 subsection (b), that shall be transferred and deposited into the
15 Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy special fund established
16 under section 304A- .

17 (b) The pharmacist workforce assessment fee shall be as
18 follows:

19 (1) \$, for each renewed license as a pharmacist;

20 (2) \$, for each new or renewed wholesale

21 prescription drug distributor license;



1 (3) \$ _____, for each new or renewed pharmacy permit
2 under section 461-14; and
3 (4) \$ _____, for each new or renewed permit under
4 section 461-15."

5 SECTION 4. Section 461-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

7 "(a) All licenses and permits issued by the board, except
8 temporary licenses issued under section 461-7, shall be renewed
9 biennially on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

10 Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist workforce
11 assessment fee and to satisfy the continuing education
12 requirement on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year,
13 shall constitute a forfeiture of the license as of the date of
14 expiration. Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist
15 workforce assessment fee on or before December 31 of each odd-
16 numbered year shall constitute a forfeiture of the permit as of
17 the date of expiration.

18 (b) Any license or permit forfeited pursuant to subsection
19 (a) may be restored within three years upon payment of any
20 penalty fee, the current biennial fees, ~~[and]~~ the renewal fee,
21 and the pharmacist workforce assessment fee for the next



1 biennium, if applicable, upon submission of proof of compliance
2 with the continuing education requirement for the prior
3 biennium, and upon meeting any other requirements specified in
4 rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91."

5 SECTION 5. Section 461-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) The board shall collect application, license, ~~[and]~~
8 permit ~~[fees]~~, and pharmacist workforce assessment fees for each
9 permit to operate a pharmacy or for each license to operate as a
10 wholesale prescription drug distributor and a fee for the
11 issuance of a permit in accordance with section 461-15(a) (1),
12 (5), (6) and (7)."

13 SECTION 6. The director of commerce and consumer affairs
14 shall disburse on a quarterly basis from the compliance
15 resolution fund, established pursuant to section 26-9(o), Hawaii
16 Revised Statutes, to the credit of the Daniel K. Inouye college
17 of pharmacy special fund established pursuant to section
18 304A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, all moneys collected from the
19 pharmacist workforce assessment fee assessed pursuant to section
20 461- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the compliance
2 resolution fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may
3 be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be deposited into the
4 Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy special fund established
5 pursuant to section 304A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 The sum shall be reimbursed from the Daniel K. Inouye
7 college of pharmacy special fund to the compliance resolution
8 fund by July 1, .

9 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the Daniel K.
10 Inouye college of pharmacy special fund the sum of
11 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2026-2027 for the purposes of the special fund as
13 authorized under section 304A- (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
15 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Pharmacy; Pharmacists; Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Special Fund; Pharmacist Workforce Assessment Fees;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special
Fund to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning
efforts. Establishes the pharmacist workforce assessment fee.
Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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