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# 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 expended to  
2 support the Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy's activities  
3 related to pharmacist workforce assessment and planning within  
4 the State; provided that the pharmacist workforce assessment  
5 fees transferred and deposited into the special fund pursuant to  
6 section 461-        shall be expended to support pharmacist  
7 workforce assessment and planning efforts, including the  
8 recruitment and retention of pharmacists, for rural and  
9 medically underserved areas of the State. These efforts shall  
10 include but not be 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           (e) The director of commerce and consumer affairs shall  
9           disburse on a quarterly basis from the compliance resolution  
10          fund, established pursuant to section 26-9(o), to the credit of  
11          the special fund all moneys collected from the pharmacist  
12          workforce assessment fee assessed pursuant to section 461- .

13          (f) The Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy shall submit  
14          a report on any pharmacy-related initiatives funded by moneys  
15          from the Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy special fund, and  
16          any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
17          twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session."

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



1        "§461-        Pharmacist workforce assessment fee. (a) There  
2        shall be assessed upon every license and permit issued by the  
3        board a pharmacist workforce assessment fee, as determined under  
4        subsection (b), that shall be transferred and deposited into the  
5        Daniel K. Inouye college of pharmacy special fund established  
6        under section 304A- .

7        (b) The pharmacist workforce assessment fee shall be as  
8        follows:

9        (1) \$                    , for each renewed license as a registered  
10        pharmacist;

11       (2) \$                    , for each new or renewed wholesale  
12       prescription drug distributor license;

13       (3) \$                    , for each new or renewed pharmacy permit  
14       under section 461-14; and

15       (4) \$                    , for each new or renewed permit under  
16       section 461-15."

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

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



1 Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist workforce  
2 assessment fee and to satisfy the continuing education  
3 requirement on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year,  
4 shall constitute a forfeiture of the license as of the date of  
5 expiration. Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist  
6 workforce assessment fee on or before December 31 of each odd-  
7 numbered year shall constitute a forfeiture of the permit as of  
8 the date of expiration.

9 (b) Any license or permit forfeited pursuant to subsection  
10 (a) may be restored within three years upon payment of any  
11 penalty fee, the current biennial fees, [~~and~~] the renewal fee,  
12 and the pharmacist workforce assessment fee for the next  
13 biennium, if applicable, upon submission of proof of compliance  
14 with the continuing education requirement for the prior  
15 biennium, and upon meeting any other requirements specified in  
16 rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91."

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

19 "(a) The board shall collect application, license, [~~and~~]  
20 permit [~~fees~~], and pharmacist workforce assessment fees for each  
21 permit to operate a pharmacy or for each license to operate as a



1 wholesale prescription drug distributor [~~and~~]. The board shall  
2 collect a pharmacist workforce assessment fee and a fee for [the  
3 issuance of a] each permit issued in accordance with section  
4 461-15(a) (1), (5), (6) and (7)."

5 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the the  
6 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
7 fiscal year 2026-2027 to be deposited into the Daniel K. Inouye  
8 college of pharmacy special fund established pursuant to section  
9 304A- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 The sum shall be reimbursed from the Daniel K. Inouye  
11 college of pharmacy special fund to the by July  
12 1, .

13 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the Daniel K.  
14 Inouye college of pharmacy special fund the sum of  
15 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2026-2027 for the purposes of the special fund as  
17 authorized under section 304A- (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

20 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 9. 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. (HD3)

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