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



1 workforce is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article
2 X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

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

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

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

14 (b) The following shall be deposited into the special
15 fund:

- 16 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature;
17 (2) Pharmacist workforce assessment fees established
18 pursuant to section 461- ;
19 (3) Grants, donations, gifts, or other income received for
20 the purposes of the special fund; and



1 (4) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special
2 fund.

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

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

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

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



1 (4) Collaboration with already established centers for
2 other health care professionals in the State to help
3 develop and deploy team-based care models across the
4 State; and

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

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

10 (e) The director of commerce and consumer affairs shall
11 disburse on a quarterly basis from the compliance resolution
12 fund, established pursuant to section 26-9(o), to the credit of
13 the special fund all moneys collected from the pharmacist
14 workforce assessment fee assessed pursuant to section 461- .

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



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

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

10 (b) The pharmacist workforce assessment fee shall be as
11 follows:

12 (1) \$, for each renewed license as a registered
13 pharmacist;

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

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

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

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



1 "(a) All licenses and permits issued by the board, except
2 temporary licenses issued under section 461-7, shall be renewed
3 biennially on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.
4 Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist workforce
5 assessment fee and to satisfy the continuing education
6 requirement on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year,
7 shall constitute a forfeiture of the license as of the date of
8 expiration. Failure to pay the biennial fee and pharmacist
9 workforce assessment fee on or before December 31 of each odd-
10 numbered year shall constitute a forfeiture of the permit as of
11 the date of expiration.

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

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



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

3 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2055.



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 7/31/2055. (SD1)

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