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Janelle Otsuji	Individual	Support	No

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January May Andaya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an Imi Ho'ōla graduate (class of 2011-2012), and currently a first year Medical student. I would like to offer my support for SB 665: Primary Health Care; Primary Workforce Development Plan which appropriates funds to address the shortage of primary care physicians in the State through a comprehensive primary care workforce development plan that addresses the critical areas of loan repayment, diversity programs, and primary care workforce expansion. The 'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program and Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence are vital programs which create diversity in the health care workforce by providing opportunities to students from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or underrepresented populations to succeed in medicine. The program has given me the opportunity to strengthen my critical thinking skills and science knowledge base that we will help me excel as a medical student and later as a physician. I am so thankful for the program and the Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence.

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Ileana H Ruelas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: SB 665 I would like to offer my support for SB 665: Primary Health Care; Primary Workforce Development Plan which appropriates funds to address the shortage of primary care physicians in the State through a comprehensive primary care workforce development plan that addresses the critical areas of loan repayment, diversity programs, and primary care workforce expansion. The 'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program and Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence are vital programs which create diversity in the health care workforce by providing opportunities to students from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or underrepresented populations to succeed in medicine. Mahalo nui, Ileana

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Kevin Akiyama	Individual	Support	No

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Lynn Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill appropriates funds to address the shortage of primary care physicians in our State through a comprehensive primary care workforce development plan that addresses the critical areas of loan repayment, diversity programs, and primary care workforce expansion. By creating a pipeline that supports more primary care providers who will serve rural and underserved populations, it gives opportunities for more promising and deserving students to succeed in the competitive field of medicine.

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