



GOV. MSG. NO. 799

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith HB343 HD1 SD2 CD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

HB343 HD1 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
TRAINING.

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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July 10, 2009

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 343

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 343, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Rural Primary Health Care Training."

This bill appropriates \$140,000 from the State general fund for fiscal biennium 2009-2011 for the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine to provide rural primary health care training to increase access to primary health care services to medically underserved residents residing in rural areas of the State. The bill requires the development of a statewide rural primary health care training program in each county, beginning with Hawaii County.

Although the goal of this bill is laudable, this bill is objectionable because the State does not have the ability to provide the general fund appropriation allocated in this bill, nor can we afford the subsequent funding that a statewide rural primary health care training program as prescribed in this bill would require in the forthcoming years.

The severity of the State's fiscal condition at present and in the foreseeable future warrants caution in the development of new programs, including those with merit, such as the rural primary health care training program proposed in this bill.

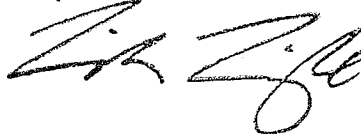
Furthermore, it appears this program would not qualify for federal funding under the requirements established by the

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Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services within the U. S.
Department of Health and Human Services.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill
No. 343 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 343
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a severe
2 shortage of primary care health providers in the state, which
3 threatens the health of our residents and affects health care
4 costs. This shortage has pushed the federal government to
5 designate a number of areas in the state, particularly rural
6 areas, as medically underserved areas, health professional
7 shortage areas, or as having medically underserved populations.

8 The legislature further finds that family physicians are
9 well-suited to rural health care due to the broad scope of their
10 practice, which encompasses inpatient, outpatient, and nursing
11 home settings, and addresses acute, chronic, and preventive
12 health care across the life cycle. Many family physicians also
13 provide maternity care, family planning, and mental health
14 services through their practices.

15 The University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
16 currently offers a three-year residency program in family
17 medicine. The program emphasizes a system-based and
18 interdisciplinary team approach to health care. The mission of



1 the family medicine residency program is to meet the needs of
2 rural and medically underserved areas and populations in Hawaii
3 in a culturally sensitive and medically appropriate manner.
4 Family medicine program residents provide not only health care
5 but also education and outreach at schools and community events.
6 Presently, family medicine program residents spend two months in
7 a federally-funded rural health care training demonstration
8 project, initiated in Hilo in 2006, in which medical residents
9 learn how to provide health care to medically underserved
10 patients in rural areas as they rotate among private physician
11 offices, emergency departments, and the community, providing
12 outreach and education. It is anticipated that the Hilo rural
13 health training program will be duplicated on Kauai. Additional
14 training sites will be developed in conjunction with the health
15 master planning process underway on Maui and with the hospital
16 and community health center system on Kauai. As these sites are
17 being developed, the curriculum can be structured so that family
18 medicine residents have the opportunity to rotate to neighbor
19 island sites other than Hilo.

20 The purpose of this Act is to increase access to primary
21 health care services provided by family physicians or residents
22 in the family medicine residency program at the University of



1 Hawaii to medically underserved residents in rural areas of the
2 state by appropriating funds to:

3 (1) Support and expand the family medicine residency
4 program of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns
5 school of medicine's department of family medicine and
6 community health to provide rural primary health care
7 services; and

8 (2) Develop a permanent statewide rural primary health
9 care training program in each county, beginning in the
10 county of Hawaii, to expand the rural health care
11 training available for individuals in the family
12 medicine residency program of the University of Hawaii
13 John A. Burns school of medicine.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$70,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to support
17 and expand the family medicine residency program at the
18 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine's
19 department of family medicine and community health to provide
20 rural primary health care services.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$70,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to develop
2 a statewide rural primary health care training program in each
3 county, beginning in the county of Hawaii to provide family
4 physicians to rural areas and improve health care access for the
5 people of Hawaii.

6 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated in sections 2 and 3 shall
7 be expended by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
8 medicine for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

