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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that changes in
2 demographics, the delivery of health care services, and the
3 escalating costs of education have resulted in severe shortages
4 of health care professionals. A poor distribution of health
5 care professionals has resulted in a surplus of these
6 professionals in some areas of the State and a shortage in other
7 parts of the State, particularly in the more rural areas. The
8 rural shortage areas often require more services because the
9 health care needs are greater due to socio-economic or
10 geographic circumstances. The salary potential for health care
11 professionals in health professional shortage areas is often not
12 as favorable when compared to non-shortage areas. This salary
13 potential discrepancy results in many health care professionals
14 being financially unable to serve in health professional
15 shortage areas.

16 The legislature finds that in order to provide health care
17 shortage areas within the State with delivery of health care
18 services, the following programs need to be implemented:



1 (1) A loan repayment program. The loan repayment program
2 would obtain federal matching funds to be used to
3 repay eligible student loans in exchange for a service
4 commitment by physicians and dentists practicing in
5 health professional shortage areas; and

6 (2) A recruitment program. The recruitment program would
7 not receive federal matching funds. The recruitment
8 program would offer incentives to public or private
9 nonprofit organizations, communities, or recruitment
10 health professionals practicing in areas designated by
11 the department of business, economic development, and
12 tourism that are experiencing a shortage of health
13 care professionals. Unlike the loan repayment
14 program, this program would be open to all health care
15 professionals, including but not limited to
16 physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners,
17 pharmacists, allied health professionals, and
18 specialists – for example, orthopedic surgeons – for
19 whom there is an acknowledged need in some areas of
20 the State. The incentives may include financial
21 support for spouses and families of recruitment health
22 professionals. Financial support for spouses and



1 families of recruitment health professionals is
2 critical in recruiting and retaining health care
3 professionals in health professional shortage areas.
4 Finally, unlike the loan repayment program,
5 recruitment health professionals can practice in
6 geographic areas not covered under the loan repayment
7 program.

8 The legislature further finds that due to the geographic
9 isolation and unique circumstances of Hawaii, health care
10 professionals who are already familiar with Hawaii should be
11 given preference in selection for participation in the program.
12 The geographic isolation of Hawaii has created a unique culture
13 here, and the public will benefit from having health care
14 professionals who understand the local situation. The
15 legislature finds that giving priority preference for
16 participation in the Hawaii health corps program to health care
17 professionals who are familiar with Hawaii will enable this
18 program to achieve its goals in the most efficient manner.

19 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
20 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
21 as follows:

22 "CHAPTER



1 HAWAII HEALTH CORPS PROGRAM

2 PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
4 context clearly requires otherwise:

5 "Applicant" means an individual who has submitted a
6 completed application for the loan repayment program or the
7 recruitment program and meets the application requirements
8 established by the department for the respective program.

9 "Approved site" means, for the purposes of the loan
10 repayment program, a provider site that is a public or nonprofit
11 private entity located in a health professional shortage area
12 and approved by the department.

13 "Dentist" means an individual licensed to practice
14 dentistry in the State under chapter 448.

15 "Department" means the department of business, economic
16 development, and tourism.

17 "Eligible education" means education and training programs
18 approved by the department that lead to eligibility for
19 licensure as a repayment health care professional.

20 "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated
21 with the costs of acquiring an eligible education such as



1 tuition, books, equipment, fees, room and board, and other
2 expenses determined by the department.

3 "Health professional shortage area" is an area in the
4 State, designated by the department of health, where there are
5 shortages of health professionals. In making health
6 professional shortage area designations in the State, the
7 department of health may be guided by applicable federal
8 standards.

9 "Incentives" means the cash or in-kind award made to a
10 recruitment recipient and includes awards made to a spouse or
11 the family of a recruitment health professional.

12 "Loan repayment program" means the loan repayment program
13 administered by the department.

14 "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice
15 medicine in the State pursuant to chapter 453.

16 "Qualifying educational loan" means a government or
17 commercial loan for eligible expenses.

18 "Recruitment health professional" means an individual who
19 is a health professional, including allopathic and osteopathic
20 physicians (family practitioners, internists, pediatricians,
21 obstetricians and gynecologists, and general psychiatrists),
22 nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician



1 assistants, dentists, registered clinical dental hygienists,
2 clinical or counseling psychologists, clinical social workers,
3 psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors,
4 licensed professional counselors, marriage and family
5 therapists, and health care specialists.

6 "Recruitment health professional shortage area" means a
7 health professional shortage area or other area determined by
8 the department of health to be experiencing a shortage of
9 recruitment health professionals.

10 "Recruitment program" means the health professional
11 recruitment and retention program that is administered by the
12 department.

13 "Recruitment recipient" means either a recruitment health
14 professional or a public or private nonprofit organization or
15 community that employs a recruitment health professional.

16 "Repayment health care professional" means a primary care
17 physician, family care practitioner, internist, pediatrician,
18 obstetrician, general psychologist, or general practice dentist.

19 "Repayment participant" means a repayment health care
20 professional who has received a loan repayment award and has
21 commenced practice in a health professional shortage area.

22 **PART II. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**



1 **§ -11 Loan repayment program established.** There is
2 established the loan repayment program within the department.
3 The loan repayment program shall be administered in a manner
4 that is consistent with the provisions of Title 42 United States
5 Code Section 254q-1, as the same may be amended from time to
6 time.

7 **§ -12 Administration.** The loan repayment program shall
8 be administered by the department. The department shall:

- 9 (1) Accept applications from interested persons;
- 10 (2) Develop criteria for the selection of repayment
11 participants;
- 12 (3) Select repayment health care professionals to
13 participate in the loan repayment program, provided
14 that the department shall not select more than twenty
15 individuals in one year and have no more than one
16 hundred individuals participating in the loan
17 repayment program at any one time, subject to
18 available funding and the need for repayment health
19 care professionals in health professional shortage
20 areas;
- 21 (4) Collect and manage repayments from repayment
22 participants who do not meet their service obligations



- 1 under this chapter, including enforcing the remedies
2 for breach of the service obligation;
- 3 (5) Publicize and market the loan repayment program,
4 particularly to maximize participation by individuals
5 in health professional shortage areas;
- 6 (6) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public
7 and private sources for the loan repayment program;
- 8 (7) Develop criteria for and enter into a contract with
9 the repayment participant that obligates the repayment
10 participant to complete the service obligation and to
11 comply fully with the terms and conditions of the loan
12 repayment program;
- 13 (8) Administer the recruitment program separately from the
14 loan repayment program;
- 15 (9) Establish a group, which shall be advisory only,
16 comprising representatives from government and the
17 health profession, including providers, community
18 health centers, and professional organizations, to
19 assist the department in developing criteria to select
20 participants, determine areas having the greatest need
21 for health professionals, and advise on other matters
22 related to the administration of the loan repayment



1 program. The same members may serve on the advisory
2 group for the loan repayment program and the
3 recruitment program; and

4 (10) Take any and all other actions necessary to administer
5 the loan repayment program.

6 § -13 Eligibility. (a) To be eligible to participate in
7 the loan repayment program, an individual shall:

8 (1) Submit an application to the department;

9 (2) Have a signed employment agreement or contract with an
10 approved site;

11 (3) Provide copies of loan documentation;

12 (4) Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of
13 the United States;

14 (5) Perform the service obligation at an approved site;

15 (6) Provide full-time clinical services at an approved
16 site;

17 (7) Charge for the individual's professional services at
18 the usual and customary prevailing rates in the area
19 where the services are provided; except that if a
20 person is unable to pay the charge, the person may be
21 charged at a reduced rate or not charged any fee;



- 1 (8) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the
2 patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the
3 payment for care will be made pursuant to medicare,
4 medicaid, or the state children's health insurance
5 program;
- 6 (9) Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title
7 XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an
8 appropriate agreement with the state agency that
9 administers the state plan for medicaid under Title
10 XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an
11 appropriate agreement with the state children's health
12 insurance program to provide service to children under
13 Title XXI of the Social Security Act;
- 14 (10) Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if
15 the service obligation is not completed for any
16 reason;
- 17 (11) Be a licensed and qualified repayment health care
18 professional in the State and maintain licensure and
19 qualifications during the service obligation period;
- 20 (12) Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of
21 repayment health care professionals in the State; and



1 (13) Meet any other requirements that may be established by
2 the department.

3 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in
4 subsection (a), to be eligible to participate in the loan
5 repayment program, an individual shall not have:

6 (1) Any other outstanding contractual obligations for
7 health professional services to the federal
8 government, a state government, or other entity or
9 organization unless that service obligation will be
10 completely satisfied before the contract for the
11 service obligation under the loan repayment program is
12 signed;

13 (2) A judgment lien against the individual's property for
14 a debt to the United States;

15 (3) A history of failing to comply with, or inability to
16 comply with, service or payment obligations;

17 (4) Defaulted on any federal payment obligation, even if
18 the creditor considers the obligation to be in good
19 standing;

20 (5) Breached a prior service obligation to the federal,
21 state, or local government or other entity or



1 organization, even if the obligation was subsequently
2 satisfied; or

3 (6) Had any federal debt written off as uncollectible
4 (pursuant to 31 United States Code 3711(a)) or had any
5 federal service or payment obligation waived.

6 **§ -14 Preference and selection.** (a) In selecting
7 repayment participants, the department shall give:

8 (1) First priority preference to graduates of the
9 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
10 who indicate an intent to work in a primary care
11 physician discipline;

12 (2) Second priority preference to graduates of the
13 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
14 who indicate an intent to work in a specialty
15 discipline;

16 (3) Third priority preference to residents of the State
17 who reside in health care professional shortage areas
18 and have obtained residency through a minimum of three
19 of the following six criteria:

20 (A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least
21 twelve months;

22 (B) Legal residence of the applicant's parents;



- 1 (C) The applicant's place of birth;
- 2 (D) Location of the high school from which the
- 3 applicant graduated;
- 4 (E) The applicant is a native Hawaiian;
- 5 (F) Location of the college or university that the
- 6 applicant attended; or
- 7 (G) The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a
- 8 John A. Burns school of medicine graduate,
- 9 graduate of a Hawaii residency program, or is a
- 10 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
- 11 medicine faculty member; and
- 12 (4) Fourth priority preference to residents of the State
- 13 who have obtained residency through a minimum of three
- 14 of the six criteria established pursuant to paragraph
- 15 (3), and who reside in non-shortage areas.
- 16 (b) Additional criteria used to select repayment
- 17 participants for the loan repayment program shall be determined
- 18 by the department. The criteria may include: the need for
- 19 primary care physicians and dentists in the health professional
- 20 shortage areas, the willingness of an applicant to work full-
- 21 time in the health professional shortage area, or the likelihood
- 22 of the applicant continuing to practice in the health



1 professional shortage area after the service obligation has been
2 completed.

3 § -15 **Eligible expenses.** The department shall only
4 repay qualifying educational loans.

5 § -16 **Amount of the award.** Subject to the availability
6 of funding and need for repayment health care professionals in
7 health professional shortage areas, the amount of the award
8 shall be determined by the department but shall not exceed the
9 maximum amounts permitted to be awarded to repayment
10 participants under Title 42 United States Code Section
11 2541-1(g) (2) (A), as the same may be amended from time to time.

12 § -17 **Service obligation.** A repayment participant shall
13 agree to serve full-time at an approved site for a minimum of
14 two years with the possibility of extending the service
15 obligation for one-year terms for a total service obligation not
16 to exceed five years. Periods of internship, preceptorship,
17 clinical training, or other postgraduate training shall not be
18 counted toward the service obligation.

19 § -18 **Cancellation of service obligation.** The
20 department may cancel a contract with a repayment participant
21 only upon the death of the repayment participant.



1 § -19 **Waiver of service obligation.** The department may
2 permanently waive the service obligation based upon
3 documentation from the repayment participant that a medical
4 condition or a personal situation makes compliance with the
5 service obligation permanently impossible, as determined by the
6 department.

7 § -20 **Suspension.** The department may temporarily
8 suspend the repayment participant's service obligation based
9 upon documentation from the repayment participant of a medical
10 condition or personal situation that makes compliance with the
11 service obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the
12 department.

13 § -21 **Default.** A repayment participant who fails to
14 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum
15 of the following:

- 16 (1) The amount paid to or on behalf of a repayment
17 participant for any period of obligated service not
18 served;
- 19 (2) The amount equal to the number of months of obligated
20 service not served multiplied by \$7,500; and



1 (3) Interest on the above amounts at the maximum
2 prevailing interest rate determined by the Treasurer
3 of the United States from the day of the default;
4 provided that the amount the State is entitled to collect shall
5 not be less than \$31,000.

6 **§ -22 Hawaii health corps first responder service**
7 **obligation.** If a civil defense or other emergency is proclaimed
8 under section 127-10 or 128-7, physicians and dentists
9 participating in the Hawaii health corps program may be ordered
10 into service by the governor as a critical action relief lineup
11 to serve in areas of the State and in a capacity determined by
12 the director.

13 **§ -23 Hawaii health corps special fund.** (a) There is
14 established within the state treasury a special fund to be known
15 as the Hawaii health corps special fund to be administered and
16 expended by the department.

17 (b) The fund shall be used to provide stipends to
18 qualifying Hawaii health corps physicians and dentists pursuant
19 to this chapter.

20 (c) Moneys deposited into this fund shall include
21 appropriations made by the legislature from general funds,
22 private contributions, stipend repayments, and interest on and



1 other income from the fund, which shall be separately accounted
2 for.

3 § -24 Rules. The department may adopt rules under
4 chapter 91 relating to the loan repayment program.

5 PART III. RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

6 § -31 Recruitment program established. There is
7 established the recruitment program within the department.

8 § -32 Administration. The recruitment program shall be
9 administered by the department. The department shall:

- 10 (1) Maintain listings of communities and areas within the
11 State with need for recruitment health professionals;
- 12 (2) Maintain listings of recruitment health professionals
13 interested in working in the communities and areas;
- 14 (3) Act as an intermediary between communities or public
15 or private nonprofit organizations and recruitment
16 health professionals desiring to practice in
17 recruitment health professional shortage areas;
- 18 (4) Work with communities and public or private nonprofit
19 organizations to recruit and retain recruitment health
20 professionals to work and live in communities
21 experiencing a shortage of recruitment health
22 professionals;



- 1 (5) Work with recruitment health professionals desiring to
2 work in recruitment health professional shortage
3 areas;
- 4 (6) Develop funding models for the recruitment program
5 that provide for security and flexibility for
6 recruitment health professionals;
- 7 (7) Develop incentive payment structures and packages that
8 support the recruitment health professionals, their
9 spouses, and families. The incentive payment
10 structures and packages may include professional
11 liability insurance relief, cost of living allowances,
12 income guarantee payments, housing allowances, vehicle
13 provision or a vehicle allowance, continuing medical
14 education, telemedicine capability, the waiver of
15 fees, or providing employment opportunities for the
16 spouses of recruitment health professionals;
- 17 (8) Work with other agencies to minimize or remove
18 regulatory barriers to relocating or practicing in
19 health professional shortage areas;
- 20 (9) Select recruitment recipients using criteria
21 established by the department;
- 22 (10) Publicize and market the recruitment program;



- 1 (11) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public
2 and private sources for the recruitment program;
- 3 (12) Administer the recruitment program separately from the
4 loan repayment program, except to the extent provided
5 in this chapter;
- 6 (13) Enter into a contract with a recruitment recipient
7 that obligates the recruitment health professional to
8 provide the services of the recruitment health
9 professional in the recruitment health professional
10 shortage area for the length of the service
11 obligation;
- 12 (14) Establish a group, which shall be advisory only,
13 comprising representatives from government and the
14 health profession, including providers, community
15 health centers, and professional organizations, to
16 assist the department in developing criteria to select
17 recruitment health professionals, determine areas
18 having the greatest need for health professionals, and
19 advise on other matters related to the administration
20 of the recruitment program. The same members may
21 serve on the advisory group for the loan repayment
22 program and the recruitment program; and



1 (15) Take any and all other actions necessary to administer
2 the recruitment program.

3 § -33 Selection and preference. (a) In selecting
4 recruitment recipients, the department shall give:

5 (1) First priority preference to graduates of the
6 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
7 who indicate an intent to work in a primary care
8 physician discipline;

9 (2) Second priority preference to graduates of the
10 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine
11 who indicate an intent to work in a specialty
12 discipline;

13 (3) Third priority preference to residents of the State
14 who reside in health care professional shortage areas
15 and have obtained residency through a minimum of three
16 of the following six criteria:

17 (A) Legal residence of the applicant for at least
18 twelve months;

19 (B) Legal residence of the applicant's parents;

20 (C) The applicant's place of birth;

21 (D) Location of the high school from which the
22 applicant graduated;



- 1 (E) The applicant is a native Hawaiian;
- 2 (F) Location of the college or university that the
- 3 applicant attended; or
- 4 (G) The applicant's parent or legal guardian is a
- 5 John A. Burns school of medicine graduate,
- 6 graduate of a Hawaii residency program, or is a
- 7 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
- 8 medicine faculty member; and

9 (4) Fourth priority preference to residents of the State
10 who have obtained residency through a minimum of three
11 of the six criteria established pursuant to paragraph
12 (3), and who reside in non-shortage areas.

13 (b) The department shall develop additional criteria for
14 selecting recruitment recipients. The criteria may include the
15 need for recruitment health professionals in the recruitment
16 health professional shortage areas, the willingness of an
17 applicant to work full-time in the recruitment health
18 professional shortage areas, or the likelihood of the applicant
19 continuing to practice in the recruitment health professional
20 shortage area after the service obligation has been completed.

21 § -34 Award of incentives. (a) Incentives shall only
22 be awarded to recruitment recipients.



1 (b) Subject to available funding and need for recruitment
2 health professionals in the recruitment health professional
3 shortage area, the amount of the incentives awarded to each
4 recruitment recipient shall be determined by the department, but
5 shall not exceed the amount of \$17,500 per recruitment recipient
6 per year.

7 **§ -35 Eligibility.** (a) The recruitment program shall
8 accept applications from recruitment health professionals, or
9 public or nonprofit private entities or communities intending to
10 employ or currently employing a recruitment health professional.

11 (b) To be eligible to participate in the recruitment
12 program, the recruitment recipient shall:

13 (1) In the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or
14 community, employ or intend to employ and provide the
15 services of a recruitment health professional for the
16 length of the service obligation in the recruitment
17 health professional shortage area; or

18 (2) In the case of a recruitment health professional,
19 provide the services of a recruitment health
20 professional in a recruitment health professional
21 shortage area.



1 (c) In addition to the requirements set forth in
2 subsection (a), to be eligible to participate in the recruitment
3 program, a recruitment health professional shall also:

4 (1) Be a United States citizen or a naturalized citizen of
5 the United States;

6 (2) Provide full-time services of a recruitment health
7 professional in the recruitment health professional
8 shortage area;

9 (3) Charge for the recruitment health professional's
10 professional services at the usual and customary
11 prevailing rates in the area where the services are
12 provided, except that if a person is unable to pay the
13 charge, the person may be charged at a reduced rate or
14 not charged any fee;

15 (4) Agree not to discriminate on the basis of the
16 patient's ability to pay or on the basis that the
17 payment for the care will be made pursuant to
18 medicare, medicaid, or the state children's health
19 insurance program;

20 (5) Agree to accept assignment under medicare under Title
21 XVIII of the Social Security Act, enter into an
22 appropriate agreement with the state agency that



1 administers the state plan for medicaid under Title
2 XIX of the Social Security Act, and enter into an
3 appropriate agreement with the state children's health
4 insurance program to provide service to children under
5 Title XXI of the Social Security Act;

6 (6) Agree to pay the amount specified by the department if
7 the service obligation is not completed for any
8 reason;

9 (7) Be a licensed and qualified recruitment health
10 professional in the State and maintain the licensure
11 and qualifications during the service obligation
12 period;

13 (8) Obtain and maintain any other licensure required of
14 recruitment health professionals in the State; and

15 (9) Meet any other requirements that may be established by
16 the department.

17 § -36 **Service obligation.** The recruitment recipient, in
18 the case of a public or nonprofit private entity or community,
19 shall obligate the recruitment health professional to practice
20 full-time in a recruitment health professional shortage area for
21 a minimum of two years with the possibility of extending the
22 service obligation for one-year terms for a total service



1 obligation not to exceed five years. Periods of internship,
2 preceptorship, clinical training, or other post-graduate
3 training shall not be counted toward the service obligation.

4 **§ -37 Recruitment health professional shortage areas.**

5 The recruitment recipients shall be located in and shall provide
6 services of a recruitment health professional in a recruitment
7 health professional shortage area.

8 **§ -38 Waiver of service obligation.** The department may
9 permanently waive the service obligation based upon
10 documentation from the recruitment health professional that a
11 medical condition or a personal situation makes compliance with
12 the service obligation permanently impossible, as determined by
13 the department.

14 **§ -39 Suspension.** The department may temporarily
15 suspend the service obligation based upon documentation from the
16 recruitment health professional of a medical condition or
17 personal situation that makes compliance with the service
18 obligation temporarily impossible, as determined by the
19 department.

20 **§ -40 Default.** A recruitment recipient who fails to
21 complete the service obligation shall pay as a penalty the sum
22 of the following:



1 repayment health care professionals and recruitment health
2 professionals in areas of the State experiencing a shortage of
3 health care professionals and select participants for the
4 respective programs.

5 **§ -62 Coordination of funds.** Funds appropriated by the
6 legislature for the purposes of this chapter or received from
7 private sources may be allocated by the department between the
8 loan repayment program and recruitment program based on the need
9 for the funds and need for either repayment health care
10 professionals or recruitment health professionals within the
11 State."

12 SECTION 3. (a) The department of business, economic
13 development, and tourism shall implement the Hawaii health corps
14 program no later than June 30, 2012.

15 (b) For the purposes of efficiency in the implementation
16 of the Hawaii health corps program, the department shall award a
17 minimum of thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the first
18 year of the program, an additional thirty stipends of \$30,000
19 per recipient in the second year of the program, and an
20 additional thirty stipends of \$30,000 per recipient in the third
21 year of the program. Thereafter, the department shall award
22 annually a maximum of one hundred stipends in perpetuity.



1 (c) The director of business, economic development, and
2 tourism shall report to the legislature on the status of the
3 Hawaii health corps program no later than twenty days prior to
4 the convening of each regular session of the legislature
5 beginning with the regular session of 2012.

6 SECTION 4. If any part of this Act is found to be in
7 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
8 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
9 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent
10 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly
11 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the
12 remainder of this Act in its application to the agencies
13 concerned. The rules under this Act shall meet federal
14 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of
15 federal funds by the State.

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2012-2013 for the purposes of this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Corps Program; Physician Shortage; Health Care; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii health corps program to address physician shortages in rural areas of the State; establishes a loan repayment program and an incentive plan for the recruitment of health care professionals to serve shortage areas.

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