



GOV. MSG. NO. 1289

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 28, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 28, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB240 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE
ASSESSMENT.

Act 186 (12)

Aloha
Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

JUN 28 2012

on _____

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 136

S.B. NO. 240
S.D. 2
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 304A-2171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
3 "(c) Moneys in the special fund shall be used to support
4 the John A. Burns school of medicine's activities related to
5 physician workforce assessment and planning within Hawaii;
6 provided that of the physician workforce assessment fees
7 transferred and deposited into the special fund pursuant to
8 section 453-8.8, no less than fifty per cent of the total amount
9 of assessment fees deposited shall be used for purposes
10 identified by the Hawaii medical education council to support
11 physician workforce assessment and planning efforts, including
12 the recruitment and retention of physicians, for rural and
13 medically underserved areas of the State; provided further that
14 expenditures from the special fund shall be limited to no more
15 than [~~\$150,000~~] \$245,000 annually. This shall include but not
16 be limited to maintaining accurate physician workforce
17 assessment information and providing or updating personal and
18 professional information, that shall be maintained in a secure



1 database. The John A. Burns school of medicine may disclose
2 information specific to any physician only with the express
3 written consent of that physician."

4 SECTION 2. Section 453-8.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[+]§453-8.8[+] **Physician workforce assessment fee;**
7 **license; physician workforce information.** When a license is
8 renewed, each physician or surgeon and each osteopathic
9 physician or surgeon shall be assessed a fee of \$60 that shall
10 be transferred and deposited into the John A. Burns school of
11 medicine special fund established under section 304A-2171 to
12 support ongoing assessment and planning of the physician
13 workforce in Hawaii[-], including ongoing assessment and
14 planning, as well as the recruitment and retention of
15 physicians, especially for the physician workforce serving rural
16 and medically underserved areas of the State. Payment of the
17 physician workforce assessment fee shall be required for license
18 renewal."

19 SECTION 3. Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is
20 amended as follows:

21 1. By amending section 5 to read:



1 "SECTION 5. The John A. Burns school of medicine shall
2 submit a report of findings and recommendations detailing its
3 assessment of the physician workforce to the legislature, the
4 state health planning and development agency, and the Hawaii
5 medical board, no later than twenty days prior to the convening
6 of the regular session of 2011 and each [~~odd-numbered~~] year
7 thereafter. The report to the Hawaii medical board shall also
8 include information on the expenditure of the fees collected
9 pursuant to section [~~453—~~,] 453-8.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
10 to produce a physician workforce plan for Hawaii."

11 2. By amending section 9 to read:

12 "SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009;
13 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall be repealed on June 30,
14 [~~2012-~~] 2017."

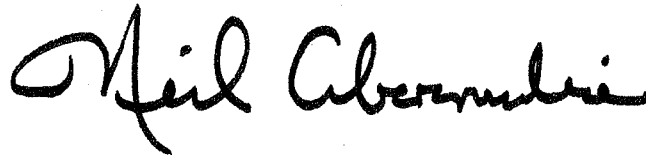
15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2012;
18 provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017, and
19 section 304A-2171(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
20 reenacted in the form in which it read on June 28, 2012.

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APPROVED this 28 day of JUN, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil Abernethy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII