

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2008

PURSUANT TO SECTION 52 OF ACT 213  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007  
REQUIRING A REPORT BY  
STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SECURE STATEWIDE  
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE  
MAP AND DATABASE

DECEMBER 2007

HB 500, Section 52, provided State Health Planning and Development Agency (HTH 906) a combination of general and special fund appropriations to develop and maintain a secure statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database; the sum of \$250,000 in general funds and the sum of \$250,000 in special funds or so much thereof as may be necessary for FY 2007-2008 and the sum of \$150,000 in general funds or so much thereof as may be necessary for FY 2008-2009 shall be used by the department of health to contract with the appropriate agency to identify and improve healthcare workforce shortages through 2020; provided further that the agency tasked with this responsibility shall develop a plan to improve and to address these workforce shortages; provided further that the agency shall prepare a detailed expenditure report that shall include but not be limited to findings and recommendations relating to the comprehensive health care workforce map and database; and provided further that the agency shall submit the report to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2008 and 2009 regular sessions.

Currently the Department of Health, through the State Health Planning and Development Agency, is negotiating a contract with the University of Hawaii to perform the workforce study. Because the contract has not been finalized, monies have not been released to the University of Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at this time. The contract should be finalized during the first half of February and executed in late February. Funds appropriated for this study are still available.

A report will be prepared for the 2009 legislative session. The University of Hawaii will have completed data collection, analysis, and development of a database and workforce map as well as prepare a report on its findings and recommendations for a comprehensive health care workforce map and database.