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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

Given the high student educational debt upon graduation from the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) which is now averaging >\$100,000, the Hawaii Health Corps concept is of considerable value to UH JABSOM graduates seeking to find financially stable practice settings in Hawai'i. The UH JABSOM leadership endorses this concept and encourages that the state move forward with plans to study the feasibility of loan repayment and stipend programs for physicians and dentists who agree to work in health professional shortage areas and as first responders during civil defense and other emergencies.