

Hawaii Medical Education Council

University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine (UH JABSOM)

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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651 Ilalo Street, Medical Education Building, #202 & Via Zoom, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

(This meeting will be held in person at the location above and a virtual option available via Zoom below)

Monday, April 28, 2025, 7:30-9:00 am

Virtual option via Zoom (click on the link and enter the meeting ID): <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/91833211575>

Meeting ID: 918 3321 1575

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Additional Zoom instructions are attached.

MEETING INFORMATION & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Written testimony and oral testimony will be accepted for those unable to attend in-person. Time will allowed for any in-person testimonies at the beginning of the meeting and before each agenda item (as noted in the agenda). All written testimony on agenda items received after posting of this agenda and up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the council. Late testimony on agenda items will be distributed to the council within 24 hours of receipt. Written testimony may be submitted via email at costaca@hawaii.edu,

U.S. mail to the address listed above Attn: Office of the DIO, or facsimile at (808) 692-1247. All written testimony submitted are public documents. Any testimony that is submitted for use in the public meeting process is public information and will be posted along with meeting minutes on the Council's website.



AGENDA

Items not addressed during this meeting will be discussed on another day and time announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order & Review / Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (HMEC Chair, 5 minutes)
2. Public Comment Period - will be held at the beginning of the meeting and before each agenda item, (HMEC Chair, 5 min)
3. John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) Legislative Budget Considerations (Dean Shomaker, 10 min)
 - a. 2025 Legislative Updates and Plans for 2026
4. Physician Workforce Updates & Synergies - (20 min)
 - a. Federal Appropriations, Rural Health Policy, Updates - Dr. Aimee Grace
 - b. Workforce Report and Recruiting Efforts - Dr. Kelley Withy
 - c. Hawaii Healthcare Education Loan Program (HELP) - Dr. Kelley Withy
5. HMEC Recommendations to the 2025 Legislature & Initiatives - Dr. Lee Buenconsejo-Lum (10 min)
 - a. JABSOM Rural Medical Education Health Update
6. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda, for consideration of the next meeting agenda (5 minutes)
7. Next HMEC Meeting – **Monday, July 28, 2025 @ 7:30 am** in-person and via Zoom
8. Adjournment

For reference: HMEC Recommendations to the 2025 Legislature ([link to annual HMEC Report](#))

RECOMMENDATION #1

In an ongoing effort to encourage educational rotations and future careers in healthcare on the less populated and/or rural island communities throughout the state of Hawai'i, the UH/HMEC recommends the State Legislature develop a long-term plan to address the unaffordability of housing on the neighbor islands, which also contributes to worsening health care shortages when physicians leave because they cannot afford a home or to practice on a neighbor island. The legislature should continue supporting JABSOM and specific county efforts to pursue affordable housing options for health professional learners (i.e. students, residents), so that we can continue to expand training opportunities and exposure to non-O'ahu sites. Students and residents cannot afford paying high rent on O'ahu and additional high rent when they are doing their neighbor island rotations. Housing prospects are currently underway on Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i island.