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BILL SUMMARY

Iowa Residents U of I Medical School [HF 2383](#)

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: Human Resources (11-10)

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Background

This bill is intended to help keep doctors and dentists in the state and to increase access to health care services in rural areas.

According to Rep. Fry, students from Iowa in both the College of Medicine and the College of Dentistry are more likely to stay in the state after they graduate, compared to non-resident students. However, data from the Iowa Medical Society (IMS) show that where students complete their residency is where they will most likely stay-not where they go to medical school. Currently, 42% of the physician workforce in the state are made up of graduates from Iowa's two medical schools.

In the last Board of Regents Enrollment Report (2018), the University of Iowa showed that 63.3% of the College of Medicine students were Iowa residents. For the College of Dentistry, that number was 66.3%.

Summary

HF 2383 requires that the Board of Regents enforce a policy mandating that no less than 75% of students accepted into both the College of Medicine and the College of Dentistry at the University of Iowa are residents in Iowa or enrolled in an undergraduate program in Iowa.

The bill also directs the University of Iowa to submit an annual report showing what states each student of the graduating class resides in during the year immediately following their graduation. The report also has to include the states where primary care and specialty residents reside during the year following their medical residency program. The Executive Dean of Medicine stated that the second reporting requirement would be very hard to follow and would require manpower they do not currently have to track those students. Physicians move around a lot, and they will have to voluntarily provide information to the University on how to contact them.

The only organizations supportive of this bill is Des Moines University and the United Way. LSA estimated that if enacted, this bill will reduce tuition at both the College of Medicine and the College of Dentistry by \$800,000 to \$1 million annually.

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