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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEAHI HOSPITAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that providing healthcare  
2 and healthcare education is a growing and necessary service in  
3 Hawaii today. Government assisted healthcare in Hawaii is a  
4 powerful tool in helping those who cannot afford or are not  
5 provided health insurance. The John A. Burns school of medicine  
6 at the University of Hawaii is particularly well-equipped and  
7 capable to furnish the expertise needed in healthcare to ensure  
8 that healthcare providers are well-trained and equipped to  
9 handle the present and future needs of our citizens. In this  
10 manner people young and old in this state can benefit from a  
11 well-trained medical population.

12           The purpose of this Act is to remove the State's Leahi  
13 hospital from the oversight of the Hawaii health systems  
14 corporation and establish the hospital within the John A. Burns  
15 school of medicine at the University of Hawaii. The legislature  
16 finds that the establishment of Leahi hospital under the  
17 University of Hawaii is a matter of statewide concern, and does



1 not constitute an intrusion into the exclusive jurisdiction of  
2 the board of regents of the University of Hawaii.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§304- Leahi hospital; established. There is  
7 established Leahi hospital within the John A. Burns school of  
8 medicine at the University of Hawaii, to be under the direction  
9 of a director who shall be appointed by the dean of the school  
10 of medicine, with the approval of the board of regents. Subject  
11 to the availability of funds, faculty, and facilities, the  
12 hospital shall offer such courses of study as may be deemed  
13 appropriate and authorized by the board of regents. The  
14 hospital shall cooperate with other public and private entities  
15 and persons to promote and develop a professional medical  
16 workforce and to improve and enhance the State's healthcare base  
17 through education and training. Leahi hospital may:

- 18 (1) Continue medical services currently provided to the  
19 community as deemed appropriate by the school of  
20 medicine;  
21 (2) Conduct and participate in medical and technical  
22 education and training for entry-level and higher-



1           qualified students of the school of medicine and  
2           others, including persons not enrolled in the school  
3           of medicine;

4           (3) Provide facilities for medical and technical training  
5           for students of Kapiolani community college, including  
6           others not enrolled at Kapiolani community college;

7           (4) Conduct and promote research, conferences, and studies  
8           to improve the healthcare education process, laws,  
9           policies, methods, rules, procedures, and forms  
10           relating to healthcare; and

11           (5) Report on and make recommendations regarding goals,  
12           guidelines, innovations, and evaluation of state and  
13           local government healthcare initiatives."

14           SECTION 3. Section 323F-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by amending the definition of "health facility" to read  
16 as follows:

17            "Health facility" means any one of the facilities that  
18 constitute the division of community hospitals[-], excluding  
19 Leahi hospital."

20           SECTION 4. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of  
21 Leahi hospital are transferred to the John A. Burns school of  
22 medicine at the University of Hawaii.



1 All officers and employees whose functions are transferred  
2 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall  
3 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,  
4 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.

5 No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall  
6 suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit,  
7 vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as  
8 a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be  
9 transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the  
10 necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee  
11 possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which  
12 transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes  
13 in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and  
14 compensation laws.

15 An officer or employee of the State who does not have  
16 tenure and who may be transferred or appointed to a civil  
17 service position as a consequence of this Act shall become a  
18 civil service employee without the loss of salary, seniority,  
19 prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee  
20 benefits or privileges and without the necessity of examination;  
21 provided that such officer or employee possesses the minimum





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**Report Title:**

Transferring Leahi Hospital to the University of Hawaii Medical School

**Description:**

Transfers the Leahi Hospital from Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii.

