
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM BRANCH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the
5 department of health for emergency medical services for the
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,
7 a critical funding emergency now exists.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate an additional \$5
9 in general funds for fiscal year 2005-2006 to pay for unexpected
10 ambulance service contract collective bargaining costs, fuel and
11 other ambulance service operating costs, and contract ambulance
12 billing and collection costs. This emergency appropriation is
13 necessary to comply with collective bargaining increases
14 negotiated by ambulance service providers statewide, increases
15 in fuel and other ambulance service operating costs, and
16 increases in workload in contracted ambulance billing and
17 collection services. In addition, the purpose of this Act is to



1 request an increase in the expenditure ceiling of the emergency
2 medical services special fund due to an increase in costs in
3 contract ambulance services in Maui and Kauai counties.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5 to the department
6 of health, to be distributed as follows:

- 7 (1) The sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary
8 for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the city and county of
9 Honolulu for ambulance related services, including
10 general operating expenses, equipment, and supplies;
- 11 (2) The sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary
12 for the county of Hawaii for ambulance related
13 services, including general operating expenses,
14 equipment, and supplies;
- 15 (3) The sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary
16 for the purposes of payment to the American Medical
17 Response-Maui;
- 18 (4) The sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary
19 for the purposes of payment to the American Medical
20 Response-Kauai to comply with negotiated collective
21 bargaining agreements, increases in fuel costs, and
22 other ambulance service operating costs; and



1 (5) The sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be necessary
2 for emergency medical system contract ambulance
3 billing and collection costs.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the emergency
5 medical services special fund the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2005-2006 to be used for:

7 (1) Increased costs in contract ambulance services for the
8 counties of Maui and Kauai; and

9 (2) Payment of the central service assessment and
10 department administrative expenses,

11 for fiscal year 2005-2006.

12 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated in sections 3 and 4 shall
13 be expended by the department of health.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Ambulance Services; Emergency Appropriations

Description:

Emergency appropriation (\$5) for FY 2005-2006 to pay for ambulance services contracts and general operating costs for supplies and equipment, including negotiated collective bargaining costs. (SB2339 HD1)

