
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR URGENT AND EXTENDED IN WEST MAUI.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that West Maui has a de
2 facto population of fifty thousand and its resident population
3 is projected to double within ten years. The area lacks urgent
4 and extended medical care. Urgent care is required for any
5 episode of illness or injury that is not immediately life-
6 threatening and not elective but is brought on unexpectedly.
7 Extended care services refer to the provision of appropriate
8 medical care after normal physician work hours, or after 5:00
9 p.m. on weekdays and whole or partial days on the weekends and
10 on holidays.

11 The legislature finds that patients needing urgent care
12 must drive over twenty-five miles to the Maui memorial medical
13 center one-way for care. Often, the patient must wait hours to
14 receive treatment in the emergency room. Providing outpatient
15 urgent and extended care in West Maui would dramatically reduce
16 the costs of health care and provide needed medical services to
17 residents of the area.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide
2 outpatient urgent and extended medical care in West Maui.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
6 outpatient urgent and extended medical care in West Maui.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 health for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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HB 2975

Report Title:

West Maui; Outpatient Urgent and Extended Medical Care

Description:

Appropriates \$300,000 to DOH to provide outpatient urgent and extended medical care after normal physician hours in West Maui.

