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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INCREASING POWER GENERATING CAPACITY
FOR THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The recent tragic events in New Orleans and the
2 rest of the Gulf Coast caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita
3 with the recent threats to the State by hurricanes Jova and
4 Kenneth reinforce the urgency of making sure that the emergency
5 medical caregivers of this State are provided with sufficient
6 facilities and energy capacity to sustain a massive medical
7 emergency.

8 The legislature finds that The Queen's Medical Center is
9 the only medical facility with a trauma center that is certified
10 by the College of Surgeons. While all hospitals are equipped
11 with emergency facilities to deal with sick patients needing
12 immediate care, a trauma center is a specially equipped facility
13 for dealing with serious and life-threatening injuries caused by
14 external forces. A critical component of a properly equipped
15 trauma center is an operating room served by numerous and varied
16 medical specialists, diagnostic equipment, and other
17 life-support systems. To support the continuing operation of a



1 trauma center in the middle of a massive disaster, sufficient
2 emergency energy capacity is vital. The Queen's Medical Center
3 presently has two emergency generators with a total installed
4 capacity of two thousand kilowatts. However, estimated peak
5 demand in the event of a disaster is six thousand kilowatts.
6 Part of this demand would be for operating water pumps to obtain
7 water from the hospital's own private wells when the public
8 supply is unavailable. The needed additional energy capacity
9 would require three additional operating generators and one
10 standby generator, along with a new storage structure capable of
11 withstanding the wind force of a category five hurricane.

12 The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to
13 The Queen's Medical Center to ensure that it remains ready to
14 serve the entire community in time of disaster.


15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the hurricane
16 reserve trust fund the sum of \$11,000,000, or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, as a grant pursuant
18 to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for The Queen's Medical
19 Center to increase its emergency power generator system to
20 ensure a capacity of at least six thousand kilowatts to continue
21 operating its hospital and trauma center in the event of a
22 disaster.



1 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
2 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY:  **By Request**



SB2056

Report Title:

Charter 42F Grant; The Queen's Medical Center

Description:

Appropriates \$11,000,000 from the hurricane reserve trust fund for a chapter 42F grant to The Queen's Medical Center to upgrade generator capacity for its trauma center to ensure sufficient capacity in the event of a major disaster.

