
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 additional funds
9 for ambulance service contracts and other costs, and helicopter
10 medical transport services.

11 An additional \$4,245,055 in general funds for fiscal year
12 2005-2006 is required to pay for unexpected ambulance service
13 contract collective bargaining costs, fuel, and other ambulance
14 service operating costs, and contract ambulance billing and
15 collection costs. This emergency appropriation is necessary to
16 comply with collective bargaining increases negotiated by
17 ambulance service providers statewide, increases in fuel and



1 other ambulance service operating costs, and increases in
2 workload in contracted ambulance billing and collection
3 services. In addition, the purpose of this Act is to request an
4 increase in the expenditure ceiling of the emergency medical
5 services special fund due to an increase in costs in contract
6 ambulance services in Maui and Kauai counties.

7 An additional \$2,356,497 in general funds for fiscal year
8 2005-2006 is required to pay for Hawaii National Guard
9 helicopter medical transport services. This emergency
10 appropriation is necessary to cover the costs incurred by the
11 National Guard in providing critical transport services that
12 were previously provided by the United States Army.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,601,552 to the
15 department of health, to be distributed as follows:

16 (1) The sum of \$2,982,938, or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the city and
18 county of Honolulu for ambulance related services,
19 including general operating expenses, equipment, and
20 supplies;

21 (2) The sum of \$763,965, or so much thereof as may be
22 necessary for the county of Hawaii for ambulance

1 related services, including general operating
2 expenses, equipment, and supplies;

3 (3) The sum of \$279,685, or so much thereof as may be
4 necessary for the purposes of payment to the American
5 Medical Response-Maui;

6 (4) The sum of \$126,121, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary for the purposes of payment to the American
8 Medical Response-Kauai to comply with negotiated
9 collective bargaining agreements, increases in fuel
10 costs, and other ambulance service operating costs;

11 (5) The sum of \$92,346, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for emergency
13 medical system contract ambulance billing and
14 collection costs; and

15 (6) The sum of \$2,356,497, or so much thereof as may be
16 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for costs
17 incurred by the Hawaii Army National Guard in
18 providing helicopter medical transport services on
19 Oahu.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the emergency
21 medical services special fund the sum of \$441,721, or so much

1 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 to be
2 used for:

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

5 (2) Payment of the central service assessment and
6 department administrative expenses for fiscal year
7 2005-2006.

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

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

Report Title:

Ambulance Services; Emergency Appropriations

Description:

Emergency appropriation for FY 2005-2006 to pay for ambulance services contracts and general operating costs for supplies and equipment, including negotiated collective bargaining costs.
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