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# 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, a  
7 critical funding emergency now exists.

8           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate an additional  
9 \$7,154,735 in general funds for fiscal year 2005-2006 to pay for  
10 unexpected ambulance service contract collective bargaining  
11 costs, fuel and other ambulance service operating costs, and  
12 contract ambulance billing and collection costs. This emergency  
13 appropriation is necessary to comply with collective bargaining  
14 increases negotiated by ambulance service providers statewide,  
15 increases in fuel and other ambulance service operating costs,  
16 and 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 Emergency Medical Services Special  
2 Fund due to increase in costs in contract ambulance services in  
3 Maui and Kauai counties.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,154,735, to the  
6 department of health, to be distributed as follows: the sum of  
7 \$5,621,552, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2005-2006, for the City and County of Honolulu for  
9 ambulance related services, including general operating  
10 expenses, equipment, and supplies; the sum of \$867,531, or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary, for the County of Hawaii for  
12 ambulance related services, including general operating  
13 expenses, equipment, and supplies; the sum of \$394,330, or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of payment to  
15 the American Medical Response-Maui; and the sum of \$178,976, or  
16 so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of payment  
17 to the American Medical Response-Kauai to comply with negotiated  
18 collective bargaining agreements, increases in fuel costs, and  
19 other ambulance service operating costs. In addition, there is  
20 appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii  
21 the sum of \$92,346, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for

1 Emergency Medical System contract ambulance billing and  
2 collection costs.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated an increase in the  
4 Emergency Medical Services Special Fund the sum of \$441,721, or  
5 much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 to  
6 be used for increased costs in contract ambulance services for  
7 the counties of Maui and Kauai, and for payment of the Central  
8 Service Assessment and Department Administrative Expenses for  
9 fiscal year 2005-2006.

10 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
11 department of health.

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

SB2339, SD1

**Report Title:**

Ambulance Services; Emergency Appropriations

**Description:**

Emergency appropriation (\$7,154,735) for FY 2006 to pay for ambulance services contracts and general operating costs for supplies and equipment, including negotiated collective bargaining costs. (SD1)

