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S.B. NO. 2465

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER TO  
INCREASE ITS POWER GENERATING CAPACITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The recent tragic events in New Orleans and the  
2 Gulf Coast caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the recent  
3 threats to the State by hurricanes Jova and Kenneth highlight  
4 the urgent need to assure that emergency medical caregivers have  
5 sufficient facilities and energy capacity to cope with a massive  
6 medical emergency.

7           The legislature finds that The Queen's Medical Center is  
8 the only medical facility in this State with a trauma center  
9 that is certified by the American College of Surgeons. While  
10 most hospitals are equipped with emergency facilities to deal  
11 with patients needing immediate care, a trauma center is  
12 specially equipped for dealing with serious and life-threatening  
13 injuries. A critical component of a properly equipped trauma  
14 center is an operating room served by various medical  
15 specialists, diagnostic equipment, and other life-support  
16 systems. It is vital to have sufficient emergency energy



1 capacity in order to support the operation of a trauma center  
2 during a disaster.

3 The Queen's Medical Center currently has two emergency  
4 generators with a total installed capacity of two thousand  
5 kilowatts. It is estimated that peak demand during a disaster  
6 is six thousand kilowatts. Part of this estimated demand is to  
7 operate water pumps that draw water from the hospital's private  
8 wells if the public supply becomes unavailable. This necessary  
9 additional energy capacity will require three additional  
10 operating generators and one standby generator. A new storage  
11 structure for the generators, one that is capable of  
12 withstanding the wind force of a category five hurricane, is  
13 also needed.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to  
15 The Queen's Medical Center to ensure that it is prepared and  
16 capable of serving the community during a disaster.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$11,000,000, or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, as a  
20 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for The  
21 Queen's Medical Center to increase its emergency power generator



1 system to ensure a required maximum capacity of six thousand  
2 kilowatts so that it can operate in the event of a disaster.

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

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

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**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Disaster Preparedness

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to increase The Queen's Medical Center's power generating capacity.

