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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1.    The legislature finds that there is a lack of  
2 hospitals and health centers in the southern portion of the  
3 island of Hawaii, and residents of the area are particularly  
4 vulnerable in the event of a serious medical emergency. The  
5 most efficient solution is to provide two emergency mobile  
6 urgent care units to be stationed at the fire departments in the  
7 communities of Ocean View and Volcano.

8           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
9 department of health to develop a pilot program in cooperation  
10 with emergency medical services, the fire departments, the  
11 Hawaii health systems corporation, and the community clinics to  
12 provide the people of the southern portion of the island of  
13 Hawaii with increased access to appropriate emergency and urgent  
14 medical care.

15           SECTION 2.   (a) The department of health shall establish a  
16 pilot program in cooperation with emergency medical services,  
17 the fire departments, Hawaii health systems corporation, and  
18 community clinics to provide additional urgent care services in



1 the communities of Ocean View and Volcano on the island of  
2 Hawaii.

3 (b) The program shall:

4 (1) Assess the efficacy of utilizing mobile medical vans  
5 and other alternatives for service delivery;

6 (2) Establish availability of workforce staff;

7 (3) Recommend any appropriate legislation to further  
8 effectuate the program;

9 (4) Assess feasibility and the cost/benefit ratio; and

10 (5) Involve appropriate community stakeholders in the  
11 study and evaluation.

12 (c) The department of health shall report to the  
13 legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the  
14 2008 and 2009 regular sessions of the legislature regarding the  
15 progress of the pilot program.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2008-2009, for planning and equipment necessary for a pilot  
21 program to provide additional urgent care services in the Ocean  
22 View and Volcano communities on the island of Hawaii.



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

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Emergency Medical Services; Island of Hawaii

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for additional urgent care services in the Ocean View and Volcano communities of the island of Hawaii.

