
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO 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, leaving residents of the area with a serious
4 lack of access to appropriate medical care. The most efficient
5 solution is to provide a mobile medical van to be stationed at
6 and assigned to the Kona community hospital.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide
8 the people of the southern portion of the island of Hawaii with
9 increased access to suitable emergency and clinical medical
10 care.

11 SECTION 2. (a) the Kona community hospital shall acquire
12 a mobile medical van to be based at the Kona community hospital
13 and shall establish a mobile medical van program to provide
14 basic medical clinical services to the South Kona, Ka'u, and
15 upper Puna areas of the county of Hawaii.

16 (b) The program shall:

17 (1) Hire medical personnel to operate and staff the van;



1 (2) Establish routes and services for the areas of South
2 Kona, Ka'u, and upper Puna;

3 (3) Work with the Hawaii county fire department to make
4 the van available for situations requiring the van's
5 service; and

6 (4) Work with the department of education to provide
7 medical services to the schools in the indicated
8 district.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
12 purchase of a mobile medical van, including necessary planning
13 and equipment to provide medical care services in South Kona,
14 Ka'u, and upper Puna.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Kona
16 community hospital for the purposes of this Act; provided that
17 no funds shall be expended until an agreement has been
18 established with an appropriate funding agency, public or
19 private, to provide the Kona community hospital with funding to
20 continue the mobile medical van program for not less than an
21 additional two years.



1 Any funds appropriated for a mobile medical van program
2 shall not replace any funding for the equipment or ongoing
3 operation of the Kona community hospital.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Clinical Medical Services; Island of Hawaii

Description:

Appropriates funds to Kona Hospital for a program to address health care needs in the rural areas of South Kona, Puna, and Ka'u.

