
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Veterans
2 Administration (VA) Pacific Islands Health Care System serves
3 veterans in the Pacific Basin, a geographic service area of 4.8
4 million square miles, providing diagnostic, medical, mental
5 health, and specialty care outpatient treatment. Care is
6 provided from its main clinic on Oahu and through five
7 community-based outpatient clinics in the Hawaiian islands and
8 Guam. Additionally, at a 16-bed post-traumatic stress disorder
9 (PTSD) residential rehabilitation center on Oahu, veterans
10 receive unique PTSD treatment and education. VA also operates a
11 60-bed Center for Aging (nursing home) in Honolulu. Currently,
12 hospitalization is provided through a sharing agreement with
13 Tripler Army Medical Center and community hospitals.

14 Many veterans reside on the island of Maui, making it
15 difficult to travel to Oahu for treatment and other services.

16 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
17 general obligation bonds for the construction of a state
18 veterans hospital on the island of Maui, provided that no funds



1 shall be made available under this Act unless federal matching
2 funds for this purpose are first made available.

3 SECTION 2. The following sums or so much thereof as shall
4 be sufficient to finance the project listed in this Act are
5 hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of
6 Hawaii for fiscal year 2007-2008:

7	A.	Hawaii health systems foundation, Maui	
8		Plans, land aquisition, design, construction, and	
9		equipment for a veterans hospital in Maui county.	
10		Plans	\$1,000
11		Land	\$1,000
12		Design	\$1,000
13		Construction	\$19,996,000
14		Equipment	\$1,000
15		Total funding	\$20,000,000

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
17 health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act;
18 provided that no funds shall be made available under this Act
19 unless federal matching funds for this purpose are first made
20 available.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Veterans Hospital; Maui

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of a veterans hospital in the County of Maui, provided that matching federal funds can be obtained.

