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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR URGENT AND EXTENDED EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL CARE IN WEST MAUI.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that West Maui has a de  
2   facto population of fifty thousand and its resident population  
3   is projected to double within ten years. The area lacks urgent  
4   and extended medical care. Urgent care is required for any  
5   episode of illness or injury that is not immediately life-  
6   threatening and not elective but is brought on unexpectedly.  
7   Extended care services refer to the provision of appropriate  
8   medical care after normal physician work hours, or after 5:00  
9   p.m. on weekdays and whole or partial days on the weekends and  
10   on holidays.

11           The legislature finds that patients needing urgent care  
12   must drive over twenty-five miles to the Maui memorial medical  
13   center one-way for care. Often, the patient must wait hours to  
14   receive treatment in the emergency room. Providing outpatient  
15   urgent and extended emergency medical care in West Maui would  
16   dramatically reduce the costs of health care and provide needed  
17   medical services to residents of the area.




1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide  
2 outpatient urgent and extended emergency medical care in West  
3 Maui.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$450,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
7 outpatient urgent and extended emergency medical care in West  
8 Maui.

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

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

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**Report Title:**

West Maui; Outpatient Urgent and Extended Medical Care

**Description:**

Appropriates \$450,000 to DOH to provide outpatient urgent and extended medical care after normal physician hours in West Maui.

