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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A GRANT TO KAHUKU HOSPITAL.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the public
- 2 interest to keep Kahuku hospital operating in order to serve the
- 3 residents of the north shore of Oahu by enabling it to file for
- 4 chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy, rather than for chapter 7
- 5 liquidation bankruptcy, which would allow the hospital to:
- 6 continue operations; preserve its hospital license; retain its
- 7 certificate of need and critical access hospital designation;
- 8 reorganize; and settle its debts. The board of directors of
- 9 Kahuku hospital has agreed to continue the hospital's operations
- 10 into the first half of 2007 under a chapter 11 reorganization
- 11 proceeding pending the enactment of legislation that will have
- 12 the effect of causing Kahuku hospital to be acquired by Hawaii
- 13 health systems corporation, or otherwise to become affiliated
- 14 with the Hawaii health systems corporation.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate a grant, pursuant
- 16 to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Kahuku hospital on
- 17 Oahu for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

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- 1 The grant will permit Kahuku hospital to maintain
- 2 operations, to cover the costs associated with the chapter 11
- 3 reorganization and the potential transfer of hospital operations
- 4 to the Hawaii health systems corporation.
- 5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$950,000, or so much
- 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, as a
- 8 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
- 9 Kahuku hospital on Oahu; provided that the grant shall be funded
- 10 by the emergency appropriation approved by the legislature
- 11 during this regular session of 2007, whether before or after the
- 12 effective date of this Act, authorized for that purpose.
- 13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 14 health.
- 15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Kahuku Hospital; Grant

Description:

Appropriates \$950,000 as a grant to Kahuku hospital from the emergency appropriation approved by the legislature during the regular session of 2007 to permit it to maintain operations and cover costs of reorganization and to transfer to the Hawaii health systems corporation.