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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE WAIANAEO COAST COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Waianae Coast
2 Comprehensive Health Center was established in 1973, at which
3 time Waianae qualified as a medically underserved area, pursuant
4 to federal guidelines, with operational funds granted through
5 the United States Public Health Service. The legislature
6 further finds that around 1986, with assistance from the Aloha
7 United Way, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's
8 emergency room was opened twenty-four hours per day, three
9 hundred sixty-five days a year. Over the years, the Waianae
10 Coast Comprehensive Health Center has been able to secure
11 various grants and successfully raise capital for improvements
12 and expansion of the center and its programs and services. The
13 legislature further finds that today, as was true from its
14 establishment, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
15 continues to fulfill its mission as a community-owned and
16 community-operated nonprofit medical facility serving an ever-
17 expanding Waianae coast community of some 50,000 residents.



1 However, additional funding is needed to allow the Waianae Coast
2 Comprehensive Health Center to continue to faithfully serve
3 residents of the Waianae coast through the provision of twenty-
4 four hour per day emergency room services.

5 The purpose of this Act is to assist the Waianae Coast
6 Comprehensive Health Center in providing continuing twenty-four
7 hours per day emergency room services to residents of the
8 Waianae coast.

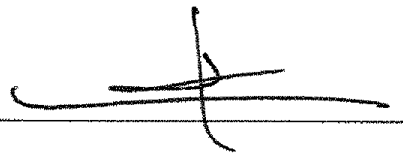
9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000, or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
12 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2008-2009, as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health
15 Center for the operation of its twenty-four hour emergency room.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



Report Title:

Chapter 42F; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Grant

Description:

Appropriates funds for a chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grant to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for its 24-hour emergency room.

