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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOLOKAI GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Molokai General Hospital is a critical access  
2 hospital and the only hospital on the island of Molokai, serving  
3 a population of approximately seven thousand five hundred  
4 residents and all visitors. The hospital is a fifteen-bed  
5 facility and represents the only twenty-four hour emergency  
6 services, acute medical and pediatric inpatient care, midwifery  
7 (obstetrical) care, radiology, CT scan, laboratory, and  
8 respiratory therapy services on Molokai.

9           In addition, it provides mammography and ultrasound,  
10 comprehensive physical therapy services, family planning,  
11 hospice-comfort care, and specialty clinics including endoscopic  
12 procedures. Molokai General Hospital's rural health clinic is  
13 one of only five sites in Hawaii (and the only one on Molokai)  
14 with a program certified by the American Diabetes Association  
15 for diabetes care management. The rural health clinic also  
16 houses the only chemotherapy services on Molokai, an almost



1 four-year-old program that has greatly eased the psychological  
2 and financial burden of cancer in this community.

3 Although Molokai General Hospital is not a state hospital,  
4 it receives a monthly subsidy from the State as a community  
5 hospital. Molokai General Hospital also receives substantial  
6 financial and management support as a subsidiary of The Queen's  
7 Health Systems.

8 Molokai General Hospital has identified a need for a new  
9 x-ray unit. The present x-ray unit is almost fourteen years  
10 old, and in terms of advances in technology during that period,  
11 it is ancient. A modern x-ray unit for Molokai General Hospital  
12 would:

- 13 (1) Reduce the amount of developing chemicals used in  
14 processing;
- 15 (2) Provide more detailed images especially of obese  
16 patients;
- 17 (3) Improve the overall quality of images;
- 18 (4) Digitally send images for reading in a more timely  
19 manner, resulting in more accurate and better  
20 information for physicians and enabling them to  
21 provide the best possible patient diagnosis and the  
22 best possible outcomes; and



1 (5) Greatly reduce time the unit is not in service, which  
2 is imperative as the only 24-7 radiology service on  
3 the island.

4 Molokai General Hospital is a Hawaii nonprofit corporation.  
5 This appropriation would help Molokai General Hospital to meet  
6 the on-going needs of the population of the island of Molokai  
7 and would help assure the health, safety, and welfare of  
8 residents of and visitors to the island of Molokai. For these  
9 reasons, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$400,000, as  
10 a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for  
11 the purchase of an x-ray unit for Molokai General Hospital.

12 The legislature finds and declares that this Act is in the  
13 public interest and for the public health, safety, and welfare.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 as a grant  
17 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to purchase an  
18 x-ray unit for Molokai General Hospital.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Molokai General Hospital; X-ray Unit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys, as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS, for fiscal year 2008-2009 to purpose an x-ray unit for Molokai general hospital. (SD1)

