
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOBILE MEDICAL CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. In response to the recent increase in emissions
2 from Kilauea's newest vent at Halema'uma'u crater, a House
3 Special Committee on Vog Effects was created to bring together
4 experts to examine the effects of vog on the people of the State
5 of Hawaii. The Committee held a series of fact-finding meetings
6 focusing on health and public safety, agriculture, and economic
7 impacts and tourism. The serious lack of hospitals and health
8 centers in the southern portion of the island of Hawaii that is
9 heavily impacted by vog, leaves residents of the area with
10 little access to appropriate medical care. The most efficient
11 solution is to provide a mobile medical van to be stationed at
12 and assigned to the Kona community hospital.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide
14 the people of the southern portion of the island of Hawaii with
15 increased access to suitable emergency and clinical medical
16 care.

17 SECTION 2. (a) The Kona community hospital shall acquire
18 a mobile medical van to be based at the Kona community hospital



1 and shall establish a mobile medical van program to provide
2 basic medical clinical services to the South Kona, Ka'u, and
3 upper Puna areas of the county of Hawaii.

4 (b) The program shall:

5 (1) Hire medical personnel to operate and staff the van;

6 (2) Establish routes and services for the areas of South
7 Kona, Ka'u, and upper Puna;

8 (3) Work with the State's interagency task force and
9 Hawaii county fire department to make the van
10 available for situations requiring the van's service;
11 and

12 (4) Work with the department of education to provide
13 medical services to the schools in the indicated
14 areas.

15 SECTION 3. There is authorized a federal fund ceiling
16 increase of \$500,000 for the department of land and natural
17 resources to accommodate federal funds received under the
18 Homeland Security Grant Program.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
20 received under the Homeland Security Grant Program the sum of
21 \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
22 2009-2010 for the purchase of a mobile medical van, including



1 necessary planning and equipment to provide medical care
 2 services in South Kona, Ka'u, and upper Puna on the island of
 3 Hawaii.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 5 of land and natural resources in coordination with the
 6 department of health for the purposes of this Act; provided that
 7 no funds shall be expended until an agreement has been
 8 established with an appropriate funding agency, public or
 9 private, to provide the Kona community hospital with funding to
 10 continue the mobile medical van program for not less than an
 11 additional two years.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

Mobile Medical Van; Vog Health Care

Description:

Authorizes the use of federal Homeland Security Grant Program funds to provide the people of the southern portion of the island of Hawaii with increased access to suitable emergency and clinical medical care.

