
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE HAIKU
REGION OF MAUI.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the protection and
2 preservation of the health of Hawaii's people is a matter of
3 compelling state interest. Emergency ambulance services,
4 available twenty-four-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, can help
5 reduce medical emergency deaths, injuries, and permanent long-
6 term disability and are a key component of the state
7 comprehensive emergency medical services system. The Haiku
8 region of Maui is located at the northern tip of the island of
9 Maui and lacks twenty-four-hour, locally based, advanced life
10 support ambulance service. The nearest ambulance service is
11 located in Makawao, which is forty-five minutes away and the
12 next closest is in Hana, a full ninety minutes away. Both wait
13 times are unacceptably long and endanger the health of residents
14 of the Haiku region of Maui.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure parity in emergency
16 health care for residents and visitors of the Haiku region of



1 Maui by providing twenty-four-hour advanced life support
2 ambulance service.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2010-2011 for twenty-four-hour advanced life support ambulance
8 service for the Haiku district on the island of Maui.

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

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds for ambulance service in the Haiku region of Maui.

