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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FEDERAL DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL FUNDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature has historically recognized the  
2 importance of making medicaid coverage available for the State's  
3 most vulnerable populations and has acted to ensure that health  
4 care payments made with state funds or controlled by the State  
5 are sufficient to cover the actual costs of the care provided.  
6 Through the continued efforts of Hawaii's congressional  
7 delegation, a federal medicaid disproportionate share hospital  
8 appropriation of \$15,000,000 has been secured for Hawaii. These  
9 funds cannot be expended without a matching state appropriation.  
10 Together, the combined state and federal funding will help to  
11 provide continuing health care in our communities.

12           In 2009, the legislature overrode the governor's veto of a  
13 bill that appropriated the state matching funds. That bill  
14 became Act 23, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009. To date,  
15 the governor has not released the state funds while the federal  
16 funds remain available to Hawaii.

17           The legislature finds that the \$15,000,000 in federal funds  
18 consists of \$2,500,000 appropriated for the fourth quarter of



1 federal fiscal year 2008, \$10,000,000 for federal fiscal year  
2 2009, and \$2,500,000 for the first quarter of federal fiscal  
3 year 2010.

4 The amount of the state match is dependent upon the federal  
5 medical assistance percentage in the year the funds are spent.  
6 For 2010, the percentage is 54.24 per cent, with the State  
7 obligated to provide the remaining 45.76 per cent of the total  
8 funding, which is \$12,654,867.

9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate state matching  
10 funds to secure this critical federal funding.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to  
14 match the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance  
15 allocated to the State; provided that some appropriated funds  
16 may be used to obtain matching federal disproportionate share  
17 hospital allowance for prior fiscal year 2009-2010 expenditures  
18 by the State.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.



**Report Title:**

Federal Disproportionate Share Hospital Allowance; State Match

**Description:**

Appropriates an unspecified amount to match the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance allocated to the State; authorizes a portion of the unspecified appropriated funds to be used to obtain matching federal disproportionate share hospital allowance for fiscal year 2009-2010 expenditures by the State. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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