
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many people with
2 disabilities in this State rely on motorized wheelchairs to
3 independently meet the daily demands of life, including grocery
4 shopping, doctor appointments, and visiting family. Many of
5 these people have no one to call if their wheelchair breaks
6 down. On-call motorized wheelchair service, not unlike
7 emergency roadside service provided by the city and county of
8 Honolulu, would provide much needed support to the residents of
9 this State who find themselves in a very vulnerable position.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for a
13 grant-in-aid to the counties for the provision of on-call
14 motorized wheelchair service and repair, and loaners or rentals
15 while wheelchair repairs are being made; provided that no funds
16 shall be made available to any county unless the county provides
17 matching funds equal to the amount appropriated for the purposes
18 of this Act.



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1 The appropriation to each county shall be as follows:

2 (1) City and county of Honolulu \$

3 (2) Hawaii county \$

4 (3) Kauai county \$

5 (4) Maui county \$

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the respective
7 counties for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Emergency Assistance; Motorized Wheelchairs

Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to each county to provide emergency on-call assistance to disabled persons whose motorized wheelchairs have broken down. Requires county matching funds.

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