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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Community Clinic  
2 of Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke Ola Health Center,  
3 is a Hawaii nonprofit corporation and a federally-qualified  
4 health center that was founded in 1993 to meet the community  
5 demand for health services for homeless, poor, and underserved  
6 individuals on the island of Maui.

7           The legislature further finds that the island of Maui has  
8 many transient and uninsured populations, often containing  
9 undocumented individuals. Maui county also has a high substance  
10 abuse rate and a large family violence caseload, coupled with  
11 high incidences of hepatitis B, human immunodeficiency virus,  
12 diabetes, hypertension, gout, tuberculosis, asthma, bronchitis,  
13 and emphysema. Malama I Ke Ola Health Center serves a large  
14 number of patients with chronic diseases, such as diabetes and  
15 hypertension, substance addictions and resulting health  
16 problems, high-risk pregnancies, inadequate immunizations, and  
17 acute and episodic conditions and infections. Additionally,  
18 thirty-five per cent of Malama I Ke Ola Health Center's patients



1 suffer from social or behavioral problems that require  
2 professional intervention.

3       The legislature recognizes that Malama I Ke Ola Health  
4 Center provides a comprehensive range of health services,  
5 including prenatal care, family planning, pediatric, general and  
6 family practice medicine, internal medicine, and oral health  
7 care. Malama I Ke Ola Health Center also provides urgent care,  
8 preventative medicine, patient education, and nutritional  
9 services in addition to providing social services such as  
10 substance abuse treatment, crisis and short-term counseling, and  
11 group therapy. Interpretation services are also available in  
12 Tagalog, Ilocano, Tongan, and Spanish languages. The federal  
13 special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and  
14 children is also offered onsite at Malama I Ke Ola Health  
15 Center.

16       The legislature further finds that Malama I Ke Ola Health  
17 Center is in need of additional medical facilities to meet the  
18 growing demand for health services for the homeless, poor, and  
19 underserved individuals on the island of Maui.

20       The legislature also acknowledges that the Hawaii health  
21 systems corporation owns and operates Kula hospital's medical  
22 clinic on Maui, and that, instead of closing Kula hospital's



1 medical clinic and eliminating much needed public health  
2 facilities and services in Kula, it would be more beneficial to  
3 the residents of Maui to lease Kula hospital's medical clinic to  
4 Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, allowing Malama I Ke Ola Health  
5 Center to operate a federally-qualified health center on the  
6 premises.

7       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the  
8 Hawaii health systems corporation to lease Kula hospital's  
9 medical clinic, including all equipment, furnishings, and  
10 fixtures therein, to the Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, upon  
11 meeting certain conditions, to provide comprehensive health care  
12 services to individuals on the island of Maui.

13       SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii health systems corporation may  
14 lease Kula hospital's medical clinic to the Community Clinic of  
15 Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, at  
16 the rate of \$       per year for a period of ten years, with the  
17 option to renew the lease for up to two additional terms of five  
18 years each. Throughout the duration of the lease, the Hawaii  
19 health systems corporation may also lease all equipment,  
20 furnishings, and fixtures within Kula hospital's medical clinic  
21 to the Community Clinic of Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama  
22 I Ke Ola Health Center, at the rate of \$       per year.



1 (b) The authorizations under this section shall be subject  
2 to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other relevant  
3 state law.

4 (c) To qualify for the lease terms under this section, the  
5 Community Clinic of Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke  
6 Ola Health Center, shall:

7 (1) Have received federal funds during the term of the  
8 lease; and

9 (2) Maintain its status as a federally qualified health  
10 center.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Kula Hospital; Malama I Ke Ola Health Center; HHSC; Lease

**Description:**

Authorizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to lease Kula Hospital's medical clinic, and all equipment, furnishings, and fixtures therein, to Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, upon meeting certain conditions. (HB978 HD1)

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