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GOVERNOR

June 21, 2013

GOV. MSG. NO. 1246

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

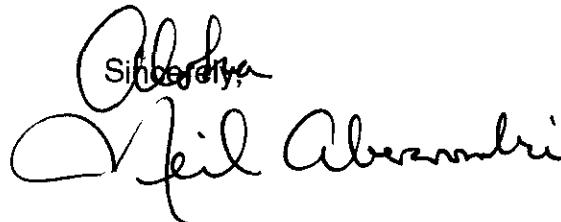
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1336 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE
ACT 143 (13)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

JUN 21 2013

ACT 143

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1336
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rural hospitals are
2 essential components of the State's health care system.
3 Maintaining acute care, long-term care, and emergency services
4 in areas like the north shore of Oahu is essential to ensure
5 access to health care among community residents and timely
6 access to emergency care for visitors. The loss of Kahuku
7 medical center's designation as a critical access hospital would
8 endanger the center's ability to provide critical services to
9 residents and visitors on the north shore.

10 The purpose of this Act is to designate Kahuku medical
11 center as a rural hospital for the purposes of maintaining its
12 critical access hospital designation.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§346- Kahuku medical center. The Kahuku medical center
17 is designated as a rural hospital for the purpose of qualifying
18 as a critical access hospital."

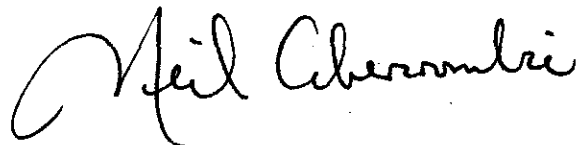


1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, and

3 shall be repealed on June 30, 2023.

APPROVED this 21 day of JUN, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII