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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, long-term, and emergency services in areas
4 like the north shore of Oahu is essential to ensure access to
5 health care among community residents and timely access to
6 emergent care for visitors. The loss of Kahuku medical center's
7 designation as a critical access hospital would endanger its
8 ability to provide these services to residents and visitors on
9 the north shore.

10 The purpose of this Act is to designate Kahuku medical
11 center as a rural health clinic for the purposes of maintaining
12 its 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 shall be designated as a rural health clinic and approved as a
18 critical access hospital. The rural health clinic designation



1 and critical access hospital approval shall remain in effect
2 until _____, at which time the designation and approval
3 shall be reevaluated and extended if appropriate."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Rural Health Clinic; Critical Access Hospital; Kahuku Medical Center

Description:

Designates the Kahuku medical center as a rural health clinic and critical access hospital.

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