
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3 shall be repealed on June 30, 2023.



Report Title:

Rural Hospital; Critical Access Hospital; Kahuku Medical Center

Description:

Designates the Kahuku Medical Center as a rural hospital for a period of ten years beginning on July 1, 2013. Repeals June 30, 2023. (CD1)

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