



1           Operating since 1997, the purpose of Hāna Health is to  
2 improve the general health and well-being of the Hāna community  
3 through the provision of medical care and other social,  
4 economic, and health-related programs. Hāna Health is the only  
5 health care provider in the Hāna district, serving the primary  
6 health care and emergent medical needs of residents and visitors  
7 alike. Hāna has been designated by the federal government as a  
8 medically underserved population, a primary care health  
9 professional shortage area, a dental health professional  
10 shortage area, and a mental health professional shortage area.  
11 In September 2002, Hāna Health was designated as a Federally  
12 Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

13           The legislature additionally finds that because of Hāna's  
14 relative isolation, Hāna Health provides a hybrid of services.  
15 Unlike most primary care clinics, Hāna Health must also  
16 coordinate activities with the ambulance service and provide  
17 assistance in stabilizing patients with life-threatening  
18 illnesses or traumatic injuries. These services are required  
19 twenty-four hours a day because the center is the only full  
20 service health care provider in the district. The coordination  
21 of emergency services and provision of life support care is



1 absolutely essential to the twenty-five hundred residents of  
2 Hāna and the six hundred thousand tourists who visit annually.

3 Hāna Health has been providing primary and urgent medical  
4 care, oral health care, mental and behavioral health care, pre-  
5 packaged medications in lieu of a full pharmacy, laboratory  
6 testing, and limited transportation and home health services for  
7 individuals with mobility problems in this rural community since  
8 its inception. Additional Hāna Health programs include:

- 9 (1) The Hāna Fresh Farm, which provides food for Hāna  
10 Health's nutrition programs and includes a Hawaiian  
11 medicinal garden;
- 12 (2) The Healthy Lifestyles Program, designed to support  
13 patients managing a chronic health condition, which  
14 includes Hāna Fresh meals and personalized fitness  
15 plans;
- 16 (3) Rx for Good Health, which supports Hāna Health  
17 patients to adopt a diet rich in farm fresh produce  
18 through "prescriptions" for organic fruits and  
19 vegetables at the Hāna Fresh Farm stand; and
- 20 (4) The Walk It to Win It Challenge, a walking program  
21 aimed at helping student in grades 3 through 8 learn





1 to 2016. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center  
2 emergency medical services provide a safety net for the  
3 residents of the Waianae coast. Increased homelessness,  
4 changing economic conditions, and growing behavioral health  
5 issues continue to increase the demand for emergency medical  
6 services in the region. The twenty-four-hour emergency services  
7 provided by the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center help  
8 address the issue of geographic isolation faced by the  
9 communities located on the most western point of Oahu.

10 **PART III**

11 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that Hāna Health's  
12 twenty-four-hour emergency medical services programs and the  
13 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center are linked to both the  
14 state emergency medical service system and the state plan for  
15 disaster response. These facilities are the remaining two  
16 freestanding, non-hospital based, emergency medical facilities  
17 that are part of this essential system of emergency response in  
18 the State. Based on the history and investment of the State in  
19 Hāna Health and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center  
20 over the years, the legislature finds that a long term funding  
21 option is necessary to ensure the stability of the provision of



1 emergency services by those providers. Therefore, the purpose  
2 of this Act is to:

3 (1) Appropriate funds to Hāna Health to continue Hāna  
4 Health's ability to meet the ongoing needs of the  
5 isolated Hāna community;

6 (2) Appropriate funds to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive  
7 Health Center to assist with the operation of its  
8 twenty-four-hour emergency medical room to continue to  
9 serve the residents of the Waianae coast; and

10 (3) Require funding for Hāna Health and the Waianae Coast  
11 Comprehensive Health Center's emergency services to be  
12 included in the department of health's base budget  
13 beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

14 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 as a  
17 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
18 support Hāna Health.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 as a  
4 grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the  
5 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for operation of its  
6 twenty-four-hour emergency room.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
8 health for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 6. Funds necessary for the operation of Hāna  
10 Health and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's emergency  
11 services shall be included in the department of health's base  
12 budget beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Hana Health; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds as a grant for the continued support of Hāna Health in Hāna, Maui. Appropriates funds as a grant to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for operation of its twenty-four-hour emergency room. Requires funds necessary for the operation of Hāna Health and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's emergency services to be included in the department of health's base budget beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (SD1)

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