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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 a cardiac care unit  
2 is needed in Hawaii county as county residents suffering from  
3 heart problems or strokes are often airlifted to Oahu or Maui to  
4 receive critical medical care. Because an individual suffering  
5 from cardiac complications must receive interventional care  
6 within two hours to recover completely, by the time the  
7 individual is evaluated and airlifted to Oahu or Maui,  
8 oftentimes much more than two hours has elapsed, increasing the  
9 risk that the patient may not fully recover. Thus, there is a  
10 need for a new facility that can serve patients in need of  
11 cardiac care in Hawaii county.

12           The legislature further finds that there are options to use  
13 additional, unused land adjacent to the Kona community hospital  
14 to build a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room or  
15 convert an existing operating room into a hybrid catheterization  
16 lab and operating room, which could perform stents and ablations



1 and treat strokes, and thereby save lives and result in better  
2 outcomes and quality of life for cardiac patients.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
4 Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care  
5 services related to cardiac care at Kona community hospital.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
10 year 2018-2019 to the Hawaii health systems corporation to  
11 improve the health care services at Kona community hospital;  
12 provided that:

13 (1) \$2,000,000 shall be used to construct a hybrid  
14 catheterization lab and operating room, including any  
15 necessary renovations or remodeling to existing  
16 facilities to accommodate the catheterization lab  
17 equipment; and

18 (2) \$100,000 per year shall be used to provide stipends of  
19 \$50,000 for two on-call or visiting cardiologists at  
20 Kona community hospital.



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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
2 health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# S.B. NO. 653

**Report Title:**

Kona Community Hospital; Cardiac Care; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Kona community hospital, including the construction of a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room and funding of cardiology staff positions to alleviate the lack of care.

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