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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo medical center; and
- (2) Require the Auditor to audit contracts over \$1,000,000 that the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services have entered into with domestic violence nonprofit organizations.

SECTION 2. The legislature finds that a cardiac care unit is needed in Hawaii county as the county's residents suffering from heart problems or strokes are often airlifted to Oahu or Maui to receive critical medical care. An individual suffering from cardiac complications must receive interventional care within two hours in order to recover completely. An evaluation and airlift to Oahu or Maui, however, can take much more than



1 two hours, increasing the risk that the patient may not fully  
2 recover.

3 The legislature further finds that while there are barriers  
4 to offering interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment  
5 to Hawaii county residents, Hilo medical center has reduced many  
6 of these barriers. This has been done through the acquisition  
7 and installation of cardiac imaging equipment and software, as  
8 well as establishing cardiology clinic infrastructure designed  
9 for up to three cardiologists and supporting providers. Because  
10 cardiac interventions are complicated procedures, it is  
11 important that Hilo medical center receives support in order to  
12 expand its offering of interventional cardiology for heart  
13 attack treatment, and thereby continue to save lives and improve  
14 the quality of life for cardiac patients.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the  
18 Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care  
19 services at Hilo medical center; provided that the funds shall  
20 be used for the following:



1 (1) Costs associated with recruiting and employing two  
2 additional cardiologists while they establish their  
3 invasive cardiology practice;

4 (2) Costs of support staff required to support the  
5 cardiology practice;

6 (3) Initial training of catheterization lab, intensive  
7 care unit, and radiology staff;

8 (4) Purchasing of inventory of medical devices and  
9 medications used for interventional cardiology  
10 procedures;

11 (5) Purchasing of medical equipment for the cardiac  
12 catheterization lab and intensive care unit;

13 (6) Purchasing of diagnostic laboratory equipment; and

14 (7) Initial costs of a certified lab technician.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health  
16 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

17 PART II

18 SECTION 4. (a) The auditor shall conduct an audit of each  
19 contract that the department of health or the department of  
20 human services has entered into with domestic violence nonprofit  
21 organizations in the past years. The audits shall focus



1 on accountability and oversight of the state funding expended  
2 pursuant to each contract including:

- 3 (1) The percentage of total expenditures under each  
4 contract allocated for staff and administrative costs  
5 compared to the costs of providing services directly  
6 for domestic violence victims;  
7 (2) Recommendations on department contracting practices to  
8 improve comprehensive care for domestic violence  
9 victims; and  
10 (3) Recommendations on best contracting practices to  
11 increase efficiency by reducing staff and  
12 administrative expenditures so that more funds may be  
13 expended for the direct benefit of domestic violence  
14 victims.

15 (b) The office of the auditor shall submit a report of its  
16 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
17 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
18 to the convening of the regular session of 2019.

19 PART III

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hilo Medical Center; Cardiac Care; Department of Human Services;  
Department of Health; Auditor; Domestic Violence Nonprofit  
Organizations; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. Requires the Auditor to audit contracts over \$1,000,000 that the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services entered into with domestic violence nonprofit organizations. (SB1235 HD1)

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