

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 7, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1159**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 7, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB888 HD1 SD2 CD2

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MAUI  
HEALTH SYSTEM  
**ACT 058 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE MAUI HEALTH SYSTEM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Maui Health  
2 System manages several key health care institutions in the  
3 county of Maui that are critical to the health and well-being of  
4 county residents, including Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula  
5 Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital. The Maui Health System,  
6 which is an affiliate of Kaiser Permanente, took over these  
7 facilities from the Hawaii health systems corporation. Each  
8 year, the Maui Health System averages 8,529 inpatient  
9 admissions, 53,647 emergency room visits, and provides skilled  
10 nursing and long-term care for up to one hundred twenty-four  
11 patients. In addition, the Maui Health System is the only  
12 health care provider on the neighbor islands that provides  
13 cardiac surgery, interventional cardiology, interventional  
14 neurosurgery, and neurosurgery.

15           As part of its transfer agreement with Hawaii health  
16 systems corporation and the State, the Maui Health System  
17 receives partial operating subsidies from the State to ease the



1 hospitals' transition from being government-managed to privately  
2 managed. The Maui Health System intends to become self-  
3 sufficient or non-reliant on state operating subsidies by June  
4 30, 2025. The legislature finds that the Maui Health System has  
5 made great progress in meeting this goal, and its Maui and Lanai  
6 facilities have experienced marked improvements in their quality  
7 and revenue cycles and continued cost savings from supply  
8 contracting and standardization. The legislature notes that  
9 although the Maui Health System is receiving \$28,000,000 in  
10 subsidies during fiscal year 2018-2019, this amount is  
11 significantly less than the \$36,800,000 that the Hawaii health  
12 systems corporation received from the State to manage the  
13 hospitals before their transition to the Maui Health System.

14 In 2019, the Maui Health System will continue on its path  
15 toward self-sufficiency. Specifically, the organization is  
16 focusing its efforts to resolve union negotiations and identify  
17 appropriate staffing levels by managing productivity. In  
18 addition, the Maui Health System intends to improve revenues by  
19 decreasing the outmigration of services from Maui and recruiting  
20 physicians specializing in areas including but not limited to  
21 neurosurgery, trauma, oncology surgery, cardiology, nephrology,



1 urology, and primary care. For each physician recruited, the  
2 Maui Health System can retain services for the communities of  
3 Maui and Lanai on island and generate additional revenue, thus  
4 reducing the need for subsidies.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the  
6 Maui Health System for fiscal year 2019-2020, to continue  
7 assisting the organization's operations as it moves toward self-  
8 sufficiency.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$22,500,000 or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to  
12 support the operations of the Maui Health System, A Kaiser  
13 Foundation Hospitals LLC.

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUN, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 888, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 2, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate