
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. 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 2019-2020 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2020-2021 to provide support for the expansion of the Kau
6 rural health clinic to improve access to urgent care and
7 outpatient behavioral health services, thereby reducing the need
8 for emergency services.

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

11 Part II

12 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the Department of
13 Health is responsible for administering and maintaining the
14 State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System by
15 planning, coordinating, and providing assistance to all public
16 and private entities and agencies involved in the state system,
17 and ensuring that all emergency medical services or ambulance



1 services conducted by or under the authorization of the
2 Department of Health or any county are consistent with part
3 XVII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 The State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System
5 provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities, and
6 equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the
7 effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under
8 emergency conditions, regardless of whether the emergency
9 condition occurs as a result of the patient's condition, natural
10 disasters, or other causes and the State Comprehensive Emergency
11 Medical Services System provides personnel, personnel training,
12 communications, emergency transportation, facilities,
13 coordination with emergency medical and critical care services,
14 coordination and use of available public safety agencies,
15 promotion of consumer participation, accessibility to care,
16 mandatory standard medical recordkeeping, consumer information
17 and education, independent review and evaluation, disaster
18 linkage, mutual aid agreements, and other components necessary
19 to meet the purposes of the state comprehensive system.

20 The Department of Health is responsible for establishing
21 standards for emergency medical services and for emergency



1 medical service systems consistent with the State Comprehensive
2 Emergency Medical Services System and applicable federal
3 guidelines for such services, and the regulation of ambulances
4 within the State, including the certification of vehicles,
5 equipment, supplies, and communication systems.

6 The State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee is
7 administratively attached to the Department of Health to serve
8 in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health on all
9 matters relating to the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical
10 Services System and in consultation with the State Emergency
11 Medical Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
12 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
13 services that are implemented in each county and is authorized
14 to contract to provide emergency medical services, including
15 emergency aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a
16 county emergency services system in accordance with the State
17 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
18 the Department of Health is responsible for establishing
19 reasonable fees for services rendered to the public by the
20 Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and to
21 fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury



1 Prevention System Branch, it is imperative that the Department
2 of Health strive to ensure that the State Comprehensive
3 Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently maintained and
4 effectively provides emergency services.

5 SECTION 3. The Department of Health shall conduct a study
6 on the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System to
7 identify issues and problems and propose initiatives to improve
8 the system. The Department of Health is requested to submit a
9 written report of its findings and recommendations, including
10 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
11 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
12 2020.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall be known and may be cited as
14 "Keo's Law."

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



Report Title:

Kau Hospital; Rural Health Clinic; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Urgent Care; Behavioral Health Services; Appropriation

Description:

The Department of Health shall conduct a study of the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System. Appropriates funds to expand the Kau Rural Health Clinic to improve access to urgent care and outpatient behavioral health services. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2), HD1 PROPOSED

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