
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HILO MEDICAL CENTER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hilo medical
2 center interventional cardiac program began service on
3 January 1, 2019. Since July 1, 2019, interventional cardiac
4 catheterization for the treatment of heart attacks has been
5 available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the
6 residents of east Hawaii. In the last year, over forty heart
7 attacks have been treated in the catheterization lab. An
8 additional one hundred eighty-one patients were electively
9 treated with stents for artery blockages, preventing future
10 heart attacks. This high-quality program has maintained a
11 mortality rate of 0.0075, which exceeds the standards of the
12 American College of Cardiology.

13 The legislature further finds that from a financial
14 perspective, at least forty air intensive care unit medical
15 transports to Oahu have been avoided due to the interventional
16 cardiac program, resulting in an estimated \$1,700,000 in savings
17 to the health care system. In the past five months of full



1 operation, the cardiac catheterization program has earned
2 \$4,100,000 in new revenue, providing substantial evidence that
3 this program will be self-supporting and sustainable over the
4 long-term. The legislature is cautiously optimistic that the
5 program may eventually generate a profit.

6 The cardiac laboratory is now at full capacity and a second
7 laboratory is needed to meet the demand for cardiac services in
8 east Hawaii. An additional laboratory will also ensure the
9 availability of critical lifesaving equipment. The legislature
10 notes that the need for a second laboratory was anticipated and
11 the planning and design of a second laboratory have already been
12 completed.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
14 equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization
15 laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health
16 systems corporation east Hawaii region.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
20 equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization



1 laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health
2 systems corporation east Hawaii region.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Catheterization Laboratory; Hilo Medical Center; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; East Hawaii Region; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation for the equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health systems corporation east Hawaii region. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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