

ACT 11

H.B. NO. 3406

A Bill for an Act Relating to Name Changes for Hilo and Kona Hospitals.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a name change for Hilo and Kona Hospitals would more accurately reflect these hospitals' missions and the services they provide to the community.

SECTION 2. Section 323-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[~~§~~323-61] **Definitions.** The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this part, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Administrator" means the administrator of a public health facility.

"Department" means the department of health.

"Division" means the division of community hospitals of the department of health.

"Public health facility" means any of the following health care facilities and all other health care facilities that may hereafter be placed within the jurisdiction of the division:

- (1) Hana Medical Center, Hana, Maui;
- (2) Hilo [Hospital,] Medical Center, Hilo, Hawaii;
- (3) Honokaa Hospital, Honokaa, Hawaii;
- (4) Kau Hospital, Pahala, Hawaii;
- (5) Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital, Waimea, Kauai;
- (6) Kohala Hospital, Kohala, Hawaii;
- (7) Kona Community Hospital, Kealahou, Hawaii;
- (8) Kula Hospital, Keokea, Maui;
- (9) Lanai Community Hospital, Lanai City, Lanai;
- (10) Leahi Hospital, Honolulu, Oahu;
- (11) Maluhia, Honolulu, Oahu;
- (12) Maui Memorial Hospital, Wailuku, Maui; and
- (13) Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Kapaa, Kauai."

SECTION 3. Act 211, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, is amended by amending sections 1 and 2 to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the pilot project to foster autonomous operation of Maui Memorial Hospital, Hilo [Hospital,] Medical Center, and Kona Community Hospital, has contributed effectively to expediting and improving the delivery of health care services by Hawaii’s public hospital system. Autonomous operation refers to a method of hospital management that decentralizes health care decision making and fosters local health care professional participation at the hospital level.

This pilot project, which was established through Act 223, Session Laws of Hawaii 1990, as amended by Act 187, Session Laws of Hawaii 1992, will be repealed on June 30, 1993. This pilot project has demonstrated positive benefits to the operating efficiency and the financial performance of the three hospitals.

The purpose of this Act is to expand the pilot project to include the one remaining acute care hospital and the four long-term care hospitals. The duration of the pilot project shall be for a three-year period.

SECTION 2. The department of health, through its director, shall formulate policies for the autonomous operation of the community hospitals until June 30, 1996. The provisions of this Act shall apply to Hilo [Hospital,] Medical Center, Maui Memorial Hospital, Kona Community Hospital, Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital, Leahi Hospital, Maluhia Hospital, Kula Hospital, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.”

SECTION 4. Any laws and acts relating to Hilo and Kona Hospitals passed by the legislature during the Regular Session of 1994, shall be effective according to its terms, notwithstanding the passage of this Act; and any provision of this Act which is contrary to other acts shall be amended to conform to those acts, regardless of the effective date of the acts. The revisor of statutes shall incorporate the terms of the other acts into the appropriate sections in this Act.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 12, 1994.)