

**ACT 47**

S.B. NO. 3064

A Bill for an Act Making Emergency Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1994 for Hamakua Medical Center.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the Governor for immediate passage in accordance with Article VII, section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The closure of Hamakua Sugar Company has had a negative impact on the provision of medical services to the people in the Hamakua area since patients no longer receive health insurance through Hamakua Sugar Company as they previously did. When seeking health care for themselves and their families, these Hamakua residents now have limitations because of being uninsured and paying full out-of-pocket expenses for medical services, or because of being insured by third party payors. These additional expenses, added to the already poor economic conditions in the Hamakua area, have significantly reduced access to, and availability of, medical services to Hamakua residents.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$140,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1993-1994, for the purpose of providing medical services to the people of Hamakua.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 29, 1994.)