

ACT 143

S.B. NO. 1336

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rural hospitals are essential components of the State's health care system. Maintaining acute care, long-term care, and emergency services in areas like the north shore of Oahu is essential to ensure access to health care among community residents and timely access to emergency care for visitors. The loss of Kahuku medical center's designation as a critical access hospital would endanger the center's ability to provide critical services to residents and visitors on the north shore.

The purpose of this Act is to designate Kahuku medical center as a rural hospital for the purposes of maintaining its critical access hospital designation.

SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§346- Kahuku medical center. The Kahuku medical center is designated as a rural hospital for the purpose of qualifying as a critical access hospital.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, and shall be repealed on June 30, 2023.

(Approved June 21, 2013.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.