

**ACT 99**

S.B. NO. 2837

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Oahu Regional Health Care System, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is currently no state veterans home to serve the needs of the veterans community on the island of Maui. State veterans homes are facilities that provide long-term care and rehabilitation care for veterans, their spouses, and gold-star parents. State veterans homes are funded primarily through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and medicare or medicaid funds.

The legislature further finds that development plans for the construction of the Maui state veterans home are currently being undertaken by the department of defense. However, management, operation, and staffing of the Maui state veterans home should be placed under a state agency that is able to manage a long-term care facility.

The purpose of this Act is to transfer the Maui state veterans home to the Oahu regional health care system or a state agency having a Maui affiliation.

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SECTION 2. Section 323F-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The corporate organization shall be divided into five regional systems, as follows:

- (1) The Oahu regional health care system~~;~~, which may include the state veterans home on Maui;
- (2) The Kauai regional health care system;
- (3) The Maui regional health care system;
- (4) The east Hawaii regional health care system, comprising the Puna district, north Hilo district, south Hilo district, Hamakua district, and Kau district; and
- (5) The west Hawaii regional health care system, comprising the north Kohala district, south Kohala district, north Kona district, and south Kona district;

and shall be identified as regional systems I, II, III, IV, and V, respectively.”

SECTION 3. (a) No later than June 30, 2027, the Maui state veterans home shall be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation, in a manner and to an extent that may be negotiated between the Oahu regional health care system or state agency having a Maui affiliation and the department of defense. After assimilation, the physical assets and the ground lease of the Maui state veterans home shall become the property of and be managed by the agency into which the Maui state veterans home is assimilated.

(b) No liabilities of the Maui state veterans home that are in existence at the time the Maui state veterans home is assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation shall become liabilities of the agency into which the Maui state veterans home is assimilated.

(c) The assimilation of the Maui state veterans home into the Oahu regional health care system or a state agency having a Maui affiliation pursuant to this Act shall not be affected by the amendments made to section 323F-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, pursuant to section 2 of Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as amended by Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 27, 2024.)