# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that West Maui has a de
- 2 facto population of fifty thousand, and its resident population
- 3 is projected to double within ten years. The area lacks urgent
- 4 and extended medical care. Urgent care is required for any
- 5 episode of illness or injury that is not immediately life-
- 6 threatening and not elective but is brought on unexpectedly.
- 7 Extended care services refer to the provision of appropriate
- 8 medical care after normal physician work hours, or after 5:00
- 9 p.m. on weekdays and whole or partial days on the weekends and
- 10 on holidays.
- 11 The legislature finds that West Maui patients needing
- 12 urgent care must drive over twenty-five miles one-way to the
- 13 Maui memorial medical center for care. Often, the patient must
- 14 wait hours to receive treatment in the emergency room.
- 15 Providing outpatient, urgent, and extended care in West Maui
- 16 would dramatically reduce the costs of health care and provide
- 17 needed medical services to residents of the area.

### H.B. NO. 2153 H.D. 2

- 1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to provide
- 2 outpatient urgent and extended medical care in West Maui.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
- 6 outpatient, urgent, and extended medical care in West Maui.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

## HB 2153 HD 2

#### Report Title:

West Maui; Outpatient Urgent and Extended Medical Care

### Description:

Appropriates \$300,000 to DOH to provide outpatient urgent and extended medical care after normal physician hours in West Maui. (HB2153 HD2)