A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE HAIKU REGION OF MAUI.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the protection and
- 2 preservation of the health of Hawaii's people is a matter of
- 3 compelling state interest. Emergency ambulance services,
- 4 available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, can help
- 5 reduce medical emergency deaths, injuries, and permanent long-
- 6 term disability and are a key component of the state
- 7 comprehensive emergency medical services system. The Haiku
- $oldsymbol{8}$ region of Maui is located at the northern tip of the island of
- 9 Maui and lacks twenty-four-hour, locally-based, advanced life
- 10 support ambulance service. The nearest ambulance service is
- 11 located in Makawao, which is forty-five minutes away and the
- 12 next closest is in Hana, a full ninety minutes away. Both wait
- 13 times are unacceptably long and endanger the health of residents
- 14 of the Haiku region of Maui.
- The purpose of this Act is to ensure parity in emergency
- 16 health care for residents and visitors of the Haiku region of

- 1 Maui by providing twenty-four-hour advanced life support
- 2 ambulance service.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 6 twenty-four-hour advanced life support ambulance service for the
- 7 Haiku district on the island of Maui.
- 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 9 health for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Description:

Appropriates \$ in FY 2006-2007 for ambulance service in the Haiku region of Maui.