## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MOLOKAI GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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

- SECTION 1. Molokai General Hospital is the only hospital

  on the island of Molokai and serves a population of

  approximately seven thousand residents. The hospital is a
- 4 thirty-bed facility with fourteen acute care and sixteen long-
- 5 term care beds. It provides twenty-four-hour emergency care,
- 6 urgent care, acute medical and pediatric inpatient care, low
- 7 risk midwifery care, radiology services, ultrasound services,
- ${f 8}$  laboratory services, respiratory therapy, and physical therapy.
- 9 Although Molokai General Hospital is not a state hospital,
- 10 it receives a monthly subsidy from the State as a community
- 11 hospital. Molokai General Hospital receives most of its
- 12 financial and management support as a subsidiary of Queen's
- 13 Health Systems. However, because the Queen's Health Systems
- 14 have had financial challenges due to \*rising behavioral health
- 15 costs and special call pay for its trauma center, Molokai
- 16 General Hospital's financial support has been severely affected.
- 17 Thus, Molokai General Hospital must rely on increased financial
- 18 support from the State, the county of Maui, and federal grants.



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- 1 The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to
- 2 Molokai General Hospital for its operating costs.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000, or so
- 5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 6 the operating costs of Molokai General Hospital.
- 7 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 8 department of health for the purposes of this Act.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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## Report Title:

Molokai General Hospital; Appropriation

## Description:

Appropriates funds to Molokai General Hospital for operating costs during fiscal year 2006-2007.