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S.B. NO. 3155

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOLOKAI GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Molokai General
- 2 Hospital of the Queen's Health Systems faces a continuing
- 3 challenge of generating revenues sufficient to support its
- 4 capital improvements and to meet the health care needs of the
- 5 population it serves, a large percentage of whom are native
- 6 Hawaiians. In calendar year 2005, there were twenty-three
- 7 thousand patient visits to the Molokai General Hospital. Fifty-
- 8 two per cent of those visits were from either native Hawaiian or
- 9 part Hawaiian patients. In 2005, the Women's Health Center
- 10 reported that seventy-five per cent of those receiving treatment
- 11 in the midwifery program were Hawaiian and sixty-five per cent
- 12 of those receiving family planning program services were
- 13 Hawaiian.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to assist the Molokai General
- 15 Hospital in funding its capital improvements in order to meet
- 16 the medical needs of Molokai residents, including native
- 17 Hawaiians, by appropriating \$1,600,000 in general revenues for
- 18 fiscal year 2006-2007. General revenues shall only be made



- 1 available to the extent that the office of Hawaiian affairs
- 2 provides funding at the rate of \$1 for every \$2 of general
- 3 revenues, up to a maximum annual expenditure of \$500,000, during
- 4 the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2006.
- 5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,600,000, or so
- 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
- 8 be used for capital improvements to the Molokai General Hospital
- 9 of the Queen's Health Systems; provided that funds shall be made
- 10 available under this Act only if the office of Hawaiian affairs
- 11 provides funding at a rate of \$1 for every \$2 of general
- 12 revenues available.
- 13 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 14 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Molokai General Hospital; Appropriation

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Description:

Appropriates funds for capital improvements of the Molokai General Hospital. Provides that funds shall be released as the office of Hawaiian affairs provides funding at \$1 for every \$2 of the appropriation.