### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

## MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 the Hawaii Constitution.

#### PART I

5 SECTION 2. The legislature recognizes that the State's 6 community hospital system, Hawaii health systems corporation, is 7 the fourth largest public hospital system in the nation. The Hawaii health systems corporation's public health facilities 8 9 provide essential safety-net hospital and long-term care 10 services throughout the state and are often the only hospitals 11 in many rural communities. The predominant portion of the 12 Hawaii health care system's gross revenue payer mix is from 13 government-provided health insurance payers, who are considered 14 high-risk payers because their payments typically do not cover costs and are not especially timely. The Hawaii health systems 15 16 corporation has experienced cash flow difficulties in the past 17 fiscal periods, has initiated contingency strategies to meet

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1 revenue shortfalls, and is facing additional financial burdens
2 in the current 2009-2010 fiscal year due to government-provided
3 health insurance plan payment delays. Without available cash to
4 absorb delays in payments, the facilities face exacerbated cash5 flow difficulties and an increased accounts payable, which
6 strains their ability to remain viable and respond to the needs
7 of the specific communities served.

8 The purpose of this part is to provide the Hawaii health 9 systems corporation with emergency funding to ensure the 10 continuous delivery of critical health care services and for the 11 payment of its operational costs.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to be deposited into the health systems special fund established under section 323F-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the health systems special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to ensure continuous delivery of critical health care services and for the payment of the operational costs of the Hawaii health systems corporation.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health 2 systems corporation east Hawaii regional health care system (HTH 3 212) for the purposes of this part. 4 PART II 5 SECTION 5. The Hawaii health systems corporation east Hawaii regional health care system, in an effort to bring more 6 7 caregivers, including physicians, advanced practice registered 8 nurses (nurse practitioners), pharmacists, and nurses to the 9 island of Hawaii to address a critical caregiver shortage is 10 committed to the establishment of the Big Island rural 11 interdisciplinary program, a program affiliated with the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns school of medicine, school 12 13 of nursing and dental hygiene, school of pharmacy in Hilo, and 14 baccalaureate nursing department in Hilo. This residency 15 program is intended to familiarize family medicine residents, 16 advanced practice registered nurse (nurse practitioner) 17 students, pharmacy residents, and nursing students with the 18 unique health care needs of our neighbor island communities, in 19 addition to serving as a supplementary recruitment and retention 20 option. The ability to bring new caregivers to practice in the 21 community health centers ensures that our hospitals will be able

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1 to provide necessary health care services to residents and 2 visitors in this health care professional shortage area. 3 The purpose of this part is to provide emergency funding for the establishment of the Big Island rural interdisciplinary 4 5 program in the east Hawaii region. 6 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the 9 establishment of the Big Island rural interdisciplinary program 10 in the east Hawaii region. 11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health 12 systems corporation east Hawaii regional health care system (HTH 13 212) for the purposes of this part. 14 PART III SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020. 15



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Report Title: Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Emergency Funding

#### Description:

Appropriates emergency funding to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to ensure the continuous delivery of critical health care services and for the payment of HHSC's operational costs, and establish the Big Island Rural Interdisciplinary Program in the East Hawaii region. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB2801 HD2)

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