
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 the Community Clinic
2 of Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke Ola Health Center,
3 is a Hawaii nonprofit corporation and a federally qualified
4 health center that was founded in 1993 to meet the community
5 demand for health services for homeless, poor, and underserved
6 individuals on the island of Maui.

7 The legislature further finds that the island of Maui has
8 many transient and uninsured populations, often containing
9 undocumented individuals. Maui county also has a high substance
10 abuse rate and a large family violence caseload, coupled with
11 high incidences of hepatitis B, human immunodeficiency virus,
12 diabetes, hypertension, gout, tuberculosis, asthma, bronchitis,
13 and emphysema. Malama I Ke Ola Health Center serves a large
14 number of patients with chronic diseases, such as diabetes and
15 hypertension, substance addictions and resulting health
16 problems, high-risk pregnancies, inadequate immunizations, and
17 acute and episodic conditions and infections. Additionally,
18 thirty-five per cent of Malama I Ke Ola Health Center's patients



1 suffer from social or behavioral problems that require
2 professional intervention.

3 The legislature recognizes that Malama I Ke Ola Health
4 Center provides a comprehensive range of health services,
5 including prenatal care; family planning; pediatric, general,
6 and family practice medicine; internal medicine; and oral health
7 care. Malama I Ke Ola Health Center also provides urgent care,
8 preventative medicine, patient education, and nutritional
9 services in addition to providing social services such as
10 substance abuse treatment, crisis and short-term counseling, and
11 group therapy. Interpretation services are also available in
12 Tagalog, Ilocano, Tongan, and Spanish languages. The federal
13 special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and
14 children is also offered onsite at Malama I Ke Ola Health
15 Center.

16 The legislature further finds that Malama I Ke Ola Health
17 Center is in need of additional medical facilities to meet the
18 growing demand for health services for the homeless, poor, and
19 underserved individuals on the island of Maui.

20 The legislature also acknowledges that the Hawaii health
21 systems corporation owns and operates Kula hospital's medical
22 clinic on Maui and that instead of closing Kula hospital's



1 medical clinic and eliminating much needed public health
2 facilities and services in Kula, it would be more beneficial to
3 the residents of Maui to lease Kula hospital's medical clinic to
4 Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, allowing Malama I Ke Ola Health
5 Center to operate a federally qualified health center on the
6 premises.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
8 Hawaii health systems corporation to lease Kula hospital's
9 medical clinic, including any desired equipment, furnishings,
10 and fixtures therein, to the Malama I Ke Ola Health Center,
11 subject to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other
12 relevant laws, to provide comprehensive health care services to
13 individuals on the island of Maui.

14 SECTION 2. The Hawaii health systems corporation may lease
15 Kula hospital's medical clinic to the Community Clinic of Maui,
16 Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, at the
17 rate of \$1 per year for a period of ten years, with the option
18 to renew the lease for up to two additional terms of five years
19 each. Throughout the duration of the lease, the Hawaii health
20 systems corporation may also lease any equipment, furnishings,
21 and fixtures within Kula hospital's medical clinic to the
22 Community Clinic of Maui, Inc., doing business as Malama I Ke



1 Ola Health Center, at the rate of \$1 per year; provided that the
2 Hawaii health systems corporation and Malama I Ke Ola Health
3 Center, in cooperation with the Kula hospital medical clinic,
4 shall agree upon and execute an equipment list detailing all of
5 the equipment, furnishings, and fixtures to be leased.

6 SECTION 3. The authorizations under section 2 of this Act
7 shall be subject to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
8 other relevant state law.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Kula Hospital Medical Clinic; Malama I Ke Ola Health Center;
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Lease

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii health systems corporation to lease Kula hospital's medical clinic, and any equipment, furnishings, and fixtures therein that have been agreed upon and executed by the parties through an equipment list, to Malama I Ke Ola Health Center, subject to the Hawaii public procurement code and other relevant state law. (SD1)

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