A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hāna, Maui, is one
3	of the most isolated areas in the State. Hāna town is fifty-
4	seven miles from Wailuku, a trip that takes approximately two
5	hours along a single lane road with six hundred seventeen turns
6	and fifty-six one-lane bridges. The district is made up of
7	small, isolated settlements scattered over two hundred thirty-
8	three square miles. Many of the villages are located a minimum
9	of forty-five minutes from the main town of Hāna. Many homes do
10	not have basic utilities, such as electricity, telephones, and
11	running water.
12	The legislature further finds that Hāna Health was
13	established pursuant to Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, to
14	transition the Hāna Medical Center from a state-operated
15	facility to a nonprofit community health center designed to meet
16	the specific needs of the area. In the twenty years since, Hāna
17	Health has operated effectively and worked closely with the
18	department of health's family health services.

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- 1 Operating since 1997, the purpose of Hāna Health is to 2 improve the general health and well-being of the Hāna commun
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through the provision of medical care and other social,

- 4 economic, and health-related programs. Hāna Health is the only
- 5 health care provider in the Hāna district, serving the primary
- 6 health care and emergent medical needs of residents and visitors
- 7 alike. Hāna has been designated by the federal government as a
- 8 medically underserved population, a primary care health
- 9 professional shortage area, a dental health professional
- 10 shortage area, and a mental health professional shortage area.
- 11 In September 2002, Hāna Health was designated as a Federally
- 12 Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
- 13 The legislature additionally finds that because of Hāna's
- 14 relative isolation, Hāna Health provides a hybrid of services.
- 15 Unlike most primary care clinics, Hāna Health must also
- 16 coordinate activities with the ambulance service and provide
- 17 assistance in stabilizing patients with life-threatening
- 18 illnesses or traumatic injuries. These services are required
- 19 twenty-four hours a day because the center is the only full
- 20 service health care provider in the district. The coordination
- 21 of emergency services and provision of life support care is

1	absolutel	y essential to the twenty-five hundred residents of
2	Hāna and	the six hundred thousand tourists who visit annually.
3	Hāna	Health has been providing primary and urgent medical
4	care, ora	l health care, mental and behavioral health care, pre-
5	packaged r	medications in lieu of a full pharmacy, laboratory
6	testing, a	and limited transportation and home health services for
7	individua	ls with mobility problems in this rural community since
8	its incept	tion. Additional Hāna Health programs include:
9	(1)	The Hāna Fresh Farm, which provides food for Hāna
10		Health's nutrition programs and includes a Hawaiian
11		medicinal garden;
12	(2)	The Healthy Lifestyles Program, designed to support
13		patients managing a chronic health condition, which
14		includes Hāna Fresh meals and personalized fitness
15		plans;
16	(3)	Rx for Good Health, which supports Hāna Health
17		patients to adopt a diet rich in farm fresh produce
18		through "prescriptions" for organic fruits and

vegetables at the Hana Fresh Farm stand; and

The Walk It to Win It Challenge, a walking program

aimed at helping student in grades 3 through 8 learn

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1	about and adopt healthy lifestyles, including proper
2	nutrition and regular exercise.
3	PART II
4	SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the Waianae Coast
5	Comprehensive Health Center was established in 1972 to provide
6	health services for the federally designated medically
7	underserved Waianae coast with operational funds granted through
8	the Department of Health and Human Services. The legislature
9	further finds that consistent with the Waianae Coast
10	Comprehensive Health Center's mission, the center currently
11	serves thirty-five thousand patients annually; of the patients
12	served, forty-five per cent are Native Hawaiian, followed by
13	Asian and other Pacific Islanders, at twenty-four per cent.
14	Seventy per cent of patients are at one hundred per cent of the
15	federal poverty level or below, nine per cent are uninsured, and
16	fifty-nine per cent are participants of the State's medicaid
17	program.
18	The legislature further finds that the Waianae Coast
19	Comprehensive Health Center's emergency room is one of the most
20	heavily utilized on Oahu, serving thirteen thousand five hundred
21	patients through a total of twenty-four thousand visits in 2015

- 1 to 2016. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- 2 emergency medical services provide a safety net for the
- 3 residents of the Waianae coast. Increased homelessness,
- 4 changing economic conditions, and growing behavioral health
- 5 issues continue to increase the demand for emergency medical
- 6 services in the region. The twenty-four-hour emergency services
- 7 provided by the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center help
- 8 address the issue of geographic isolation faced by the
- 9 communities located on the most western point of Oahu.

10 PART III

- 11 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that Hāna Health's
- 12 twenty-four-hour emergency medical services programs and the
- 13 Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center are linked to both the
- 14 state emergency medical service system and the state plan for
- 15 disaster response. These facilities are the remaining two
- 16 freestanding, non-hospital based, emergency medical facilities
- 17 that are part of this essential system of emergency response in
- 18 the State. Based on the history and investment of the State in
- 19 Hāna Health and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- 20 over the years, the legislature finds that a long term funding
- 21 option is necessary to ensure the stability of the provision of

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1	emergency	services by those providers. Therefore, the purpose
2	of this A	ct is to:
3	(1)	Appropriate funds to Hāna Health to continue Hāna
4		Health's ability to meet the ongoing needs of the
5		isolated Hāna community;
6	(2)	Appropriate funds to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
7		Health Center to assist with the operation of its
8		twenty-four-hour emergency medical room to continue to
9		serve the residents of the Waianae coast; and
10	(3)	Require funding for Hāna Health and the Waianae Coast
11		Comprehensive Health Center's emergency services to be
12		included in the department of health's base budget
13		beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
14	SECT:	ION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
15	revenues o	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16	much there	eof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 as a
17	grant pur	suant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
18	support H	āna Health.
19	The s	sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

health for the purposes of this Act.

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2	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$	or so
3	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2	018 as a
4	grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,	to the
5	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for operation	of its
6	twenty-four-hour emergency room.	
7	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the depa	rtment of
8	health for the purposes of this Act.	
9	SECTION 6. Funds necessary for the operation of H	ā na

Health and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's emergency

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

services shall be included in the department of health's base

budget beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general

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Report Title:

Hana Health; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant for the continued support of Hāna Health in Hāna, Maui. Appropriates funds as a grant to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for operation of its twenty-four-hour emergency room. Requires funds necessary for the operation of Hāna Health and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's emergency services to be included in the department of health's base budget beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (SD1)

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