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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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

1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Wahiawa general
3	hospital is the only hospital that provides emergency medical
4	services in a vast geographical area, extending from Mililani to
5	Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku, which encompasses nearly
6	one-third of the island of Oahu.
7	Over the past ten years, Wahiawa general hospital has
8	experienced severe financial difficulties. To address these
9	circumstances, the hospital has cut programs, services, and
10	personnel, but these changes have not remedied the hospital's
11	financial deficit.
12	The legislature further finds that the optimal way to
13	decrease the hospital's financial deficit is to focus on
14	critical services that include emergency medical care, long term
15	care, and geriatric care. The Wahiawa center for community
16	health can assist patients who might lose services by the
17	downsize of Wahiawa general hospital. Although the hospital

1	will downsize, services will be available for the community of
2	Wahiawa.
3	The purpose of this part is to provide desperately needed
4	financial assistance to Wahiawa general hospital to ensure the
5	health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State by:
6	(1) Appropriating funds to support basic operations, staff
7	salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist
8	physician services at Wahiawa general hospital; and
9	(2) Authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds and
10	appropriating funds for financing capital improvement
11	projects for Wahiawa general hospital.
12	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to
15	support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and
16	continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa general
17	hospital; provided that:
18	(1) Wahiawa general hospital shall discontinue acute care
19	services and focus only on emergency services, long
20	term care, and geriatric care; and

1	(2) The director of health shall negotiate with Wahiawa
2	general hospital for the terms of the release of funds
3	appropriated under this section.
4	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5	health for the purposes of this Act.
6	SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
7	general obligations bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
8	thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
9	as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018
10	for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects for
11	Wahiawa general hospital; provided that:
12	(1) Wahiawa general hospital shall discontinue acute care
13	services and focus only on emergency services, long
14	term care, and geriatric care; and
15	(2) The director of health shall negotiate with Wahiawa
16	general hospital for the terms of the release of funds
17	appropriated under this section.
18	SECTION 4. The sums appropriated for the respective
19	capital improvement projects set forth in section 3 shall be
20	expended by the department of health for the purposes of this
21	Act.

- SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
- 3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
- 4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
- 5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.
- 6 PART II
- 7 SECTION 6. The purpose of this part is to appropriate
- 8 funds to the department of health for the director of health to
- 9 perform a financial and performance audit of Wahiawa general
- 10 hospital.
- 11 SECTION 7. (a) The director of health shall perform a
- 12 financial and performance audit of Wahiawa general hospital for
- 13 the fiscal years 2012 through 2017.
- 14 (b) The director of health shall submit its findings and
- 15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
- 16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 17 the regular session of 2018.
- 18 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
- 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for
- 21 the director of health to perform a financial and performance

- 1 audit of Wahiawa general hospital for the fiscal years 2012
- 2 through 2017.

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- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 4 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 PART III
- 6 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Wahiawa General Hospital; Operation and Staff; General Obligation Bonds; Audit; Department of Health; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa general hospital. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for financing capital improvement projects for Wahiawa general hospital. Appropriates funds to the department of health to perform a financial and performance audit of Wahiawa general hospital.

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