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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO HANA HEALTH.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hāna, Maui, is one  
2 of the most isolated areas in the State. Hāna town is fifty-  
3 seven miles from Wailuku, a trip that takes approximately two  
4 hours along a single lane road with six hundred seventeen turns  
5 and fifty-six one-lane bridges. The district is made up of  
6 small, isolated settlements scattered over two hundred thirty-  
7 three square miles. Many of the villages are located a minimum  
8 of forty-five minutes from the main town of Hāna. Many homes do  
9 not have basic utilities, such as electricity, telephones, and  
10 running water.

11       The legislature further finds that Hāna Health was  
12 established pursuant to Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, to  
13 transition the Hāna Medical Center from a state-operated  
14 facility to a nonprofit community health center designed to meet  
15 the specific needs of the area. In the twenty years since, Hāna  
16 Health has operated effectively and worked closely with the  
17 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 community  
3        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 absolutely essential to the 2,500 residents of Hāna and the six  
2 hundred thousand tourists who visit annually.

3 Hāna Health has been providing primary and urgent medical  
4 care, oral health care, mental and behavioral health care, pre-  
5 packaged medications in lieu of a full pharmacy, laboratory  
6 testing, and limited transportation and home health services for  
7 those with mobility problems in this rural community since its  
8 inception. 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  
19 vegetables at the Hāna Fresh Farm stand; and
- 20 (4) The Walk It to Win It Challenge, a walking program  
21 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           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to Hāna  
4   Health to continue Hāna Health's ability to meet the ongoing  
5   needs of the isolated Hāna community.

6           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,500,000 or so much  
8   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
9   same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10  2018-2019 for the department of health to support Hāna Health.

11          The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12  of health for the purposes of this Act.

13          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Hana Health; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the continued support of Hāna Health in Hāna, Maui.

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