
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 a cardiac care unit
2 is needed in Hawaii county as county residents suffering from
3 heart problems or strokes are often airlifted to Oahu or Maui to
4 receive critical medical care. Because an individual suffering
5 from cardiac complications must receive interventional care
6 within two hours to recover completely, by the time the
7 individual is evaluated and airlifted to Oahu or Maui,
8 oftentimes much more than two hours has elapsed, increasing the
9 risk that the patient may not fully recover.

10 The legislature further finds that while there are barriers
11 to offering interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment
12 to Hawaii county residents, Hilo medical center has reduced many
13 of these barriers through the acquisition and installation of
14 cardiac imaging equipment and software, as well as establishing
15 a cardiology clinic infrastructure designed for up to three
16 cardiologists and supporting providers. Because cardiac
17 interventions are complicated procedures, it is important that



1 Hilo medical center receives support to expand its offering of
2 interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment, and
3 thereby continue to save lives and improve the quality of life
4 for cardiac patients.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
6 Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care
7 services related to cardiac care at Hilo medical center.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the
11 Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care
12 services at Hilo medical center; provided that the funds shall
13 be used for the following:

- 14 (1) Costs associated with recruiting and employing two
15 additional cardiologists while they establish their
16 invasive cardiology practice;
- 17 (2) Costs of support staff required to support the
18 cardiology practice;
- 19 (3) Initial training of catheterization lab, intensive
20 care unit, and radiology staff;



1 (4) Purchasing of inventory of medical devices and
2 medications used for interventional cardiology
3 procedures;

4 (5) Purchasing of medical equipment for the cardiac
5 catheterization lab and intensive care unit;

6 (6) Purchasing of diagnostic laboratory equipment; and

7 (7) Initial costs of a certified lab technician.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health
9 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



Report Title:

Hilo Medical Center; Cardiac Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. (Proposed SD2)

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