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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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. Thus, there is a
10 need for a new facility that can serve patients in need of
11 cardiac care in Hawaii county.

12 The legislature further finds that for the year 2016, the
13 cardiac statistics for Kona community hospital are as follows:

- 14 (1) Total cardiac cases: three hundred seventy-five;
15 (2) Cases admitted and discharged: two hundred eighteen
16 or fifty-eight per cent;



(3) Cases transferred to Maui Memorial Hospital: sixteen
or four per cent; and

(4) Cases transferred to Oahu hospitals: one hundred
fifty-one or thirty-eight per cent.

The legislature additionally finds that there are options
to use unused land adjacent to the Kona community hospital to
build a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room or convert
an existing operating room into a hybrid catheterization lab and
operating room, which could perform stents and ablations and
treat strokes, thereby saving lives and resulting in better
outcomes and quality of life for cardiac patients.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
Hawaii health systems corporation to improve cardiac care
related health care services at Kona community hospital.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
the Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care
services at Kona community hospital; provided that:

(1) \$2,000,000 shall be used to construct a hybrid
catheterization lab and operating room, including any



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1 necessary renovations or remodeling to existing
2 facilities to accommodate the catheterization lab
3 equipment; and

4 (2) \$100,000 shall be used to provide stipends of \$50,000
5 for two on-call or visiting cardiologists at Kona
6 community hospital.

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

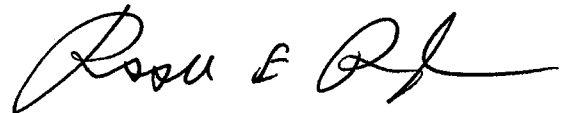
9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

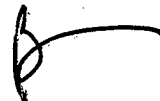
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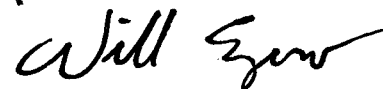














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Report Title:

Kona Community Hospital; Cardiac Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Kona community hospital, including the construction of a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room and funding of cardiology staff positions to alleviate the lack of care.

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