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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TROPIC CARE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Tropic Care is a
- 2 United States Department of Defense program in which military
- 3 reservists provide free medical services to individuals in rural
- 4 communities. The free services provided to rural districts on
- 5 the island of Hawaii have included physical examinations, dental
- 6 treatment, eye examinations, eyeglasses, medication review,
- 7 provision of some medications, and nutritional education. The
- 8 Tropic Care program has also provided free transportation so
- 9 that individuals are able to access the free medical services.
- 10 The Tropic Care program has provided needed medical services to
- 11 thousands of individuals who otherwise would not be able to
- 12 afford or access medical care.
- 13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 14 Tropic Care program.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000 or so much



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- 1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
- 2 Tropic Care program.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 4 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Tropic Care; Medical Services; DOH; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the Tropic Care program of the United States Department of Defense to provide free medical care to individuals in rural areas.

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