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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO CREATE A
PLAN FOR THE KA'Ū HOSPITAL TO INCORPORATE MODERN COMPUTED
TOMOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT BY JULY 1, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, Ka'ū Hospital was built by the State in 1971 and is
2 the only hospital in the Ka'ū District in Southern Hawai'i
3 Island, an area approximately the size of Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1997 when Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
6 (HHSC) was formed, Ka'ū Hospital became one of HHSC's facilities;
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9 WHEREAS, in 2001, Ka'ū Hospital achieved critical access
10 hospital status, a federal designation given to small rural
11 hospitals that provide essential emergency and acute services in
12 remote areas to assist them with the financial challenges
13 associated with their size and isolation; and
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15 WHEREAS, the district of Ka'ū is considered a medically
16 underserved area; and
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18 WHEREAS, Ka'ū Hospital is the only hospital in the district
19 that provides x-ray services; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
23 that HHSC is requested to create a plan for the Ka'ū Hospital to
24 incorporate modern computed tomography equipment by July 1,
25 2024; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan to incorporate modern
28 computed tomography equipment is requested to include:
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30 (1) A list of appropriate tomography equipment to be
31 purchased and installed;
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33 (2) The estimated total cost of purchase and installation;
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(3) The estimated timetable for purchase and installation of the equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HHSC is requested to submit a report of the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

OFFERED BY:

