
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AMBULANCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is of critical
2 importance to the State to ensure its residents have prompt
3 access to primary health care. The legislature further finds
4 that in the county of Maui, ambulance services are being
5 provided through a private contract with American Medical
6 Response with state funding, and that a total of nine ambulances
7 are based at various state, county, and private facilities
8 throughout the county -- specifically, one unit each in east
9 Maui, Kahului, and Wailuku, and two units each in south Maui,
10 west Maui, and upcountry Maui.

11 The legislature also finds that there has been significant
12 population growth in central Maui, and therefore, residents in
13 the area would greatly benefit from the addition of an advanced
14 life support ambulance. The legislature further finds that an
15 advanced life support ambulance will help reduce death and
16 disability among residents and visitors to central Maui by
17 providing timely responses to 911 calls, which is critical to



1 increasing the likelihood of successful outcomes for injured or
2 sick individuals.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to:

4 (1) Purchase one advanced life support ambulance and
5 related equipment to be based in the central Maui area
6 of the county of Maui and fund pay-related personnel
7 costs for state-certified emergency medical services
8 personnel; and

9 (2) Increase the predictability and stability of available
10 air ambulance services for all islands in the State.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
14 the purchase of one advanced life support ambulance and related
15 equipment to be based in the central Maui area of the county of
16 Maui, and to fund pay-related personnel costs for one state-
17 certified emergency medical technician and one state-certified
18 paramedic.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 health for the purposes of this Act.



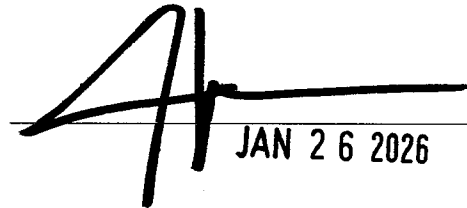
1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to
4 increase the predictability and stability of available air
5 ambulance services for all islands in the State.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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Report Title:

Emergency Medical Services; Advanced Life Support Ambulance; Central Maui; Statewide Air Ambulance Network System; Department of Health; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase of one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui, fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, and increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State.

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