

A Bill for an Act Relating to the New General Hospital at Kau, Hawaii.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Kau general hospital to be a state hospital. All matters pertaining to the planning, construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of the new Kau general hospital are declared to be state responsibilities. The hospital shall be administered in the same manner as the public hospitals and other related public health and medical facilities in the several counties.

SECTION 2. Transfer. On a date to be designated by the governor, as soon as practicable after the new Kau general hospital is ready for occupancy, all full-time employees of the Pahala hospital on that date, who desire to be employees of the new Kau general hospital shall be transferred thereto and shall acquire and be given civil service status as follows:

(a) Employees who had been employed by the Pahala hospital at least one full year immediately preceding the date of transfer shall be given status as regular employees of the civil service without competitive examination, and

(b) Employees who had been employed less than one full year shall be given an initial probationary appointment without competitive examination.

**SECTION 3.** Civil service; compensation. Positions held by transferred employees shall be allocated by the director of personnel services to the appropriate class in the position classification plan and the employees shall be paid in accordance with the salary range to which the class is assigned; provided that employees receiving a salary above the minimum rate at the time of their transfer may be paid at a rate higher than the minimum but not exceeding the highest pay rate in the appropriate salary range.

**SECTION 4.** Citizenship; residency. The requirements as to citizenship and residency in section 78-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to employees transferred by this Act.

**SECTION 5.** Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 16, 1969.)