A Bill for an Act Relating to Equipment.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the Department of Health, when considering future purchases of equipment, to study possible cost savings of leasing equipment versus outright purchase of such equipment. Such lease options may include, but not limited to, contracts for maintenance, option to buy, and periodic updating of equipment.

SECTION 2. Section 321-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 321-7 Disbursement of moneys. For the purpose of carrying into effect the laws relating to the public health, the department of health may apportion and disburse all sums of money that are appropriated by the legislature for the preservation of the public health. The department shall observe the strictest economy in the expenditure of all public moneys placed under its control. The department shall also consider the alternative of leasing equipment versus equipment purchases. Such lease options may include, but not be limited to, contracts for maintenance, option to buy, and periodic updating of equipment."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 12, 1979.)

^{*}The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.