

ACT 99

H.B. NO. 1840

A Bill for an Act Relating to an Emergency Appropriation for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The legislature did not appropriate any general funds for the operation of community hospitals for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1997.

A critical funding emergency exists. The program will expend all special funds before the end of the fiscal year and will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide services to members of the general public who need hospital-based services provided by the community hospital system. The primary reason for this fiscal situation is the legislative mandate that services not be reduced at any of the facilities combined with the fact that no general funds were available and no cost saving changes were made by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, to the personnel system, which constitutes a large proportion of the expenditures of the community hospitals.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of services provided by the community hospitals.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1996-1997 to carry out the purposes set forth in Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health systems corporation.

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

(Approved May 2, 1997.)