

ACT 130

H.B. NO. 1824

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

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 323F-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any other law to the contrary, all outstanding accounts receivable of the Hawaii health systems corporation that have been written off, returned from a private collection agency, or have delinquencies exceeding 365 days from the date of service shall be referred to the department of the attorney general collections unit for collection and legal enforcement of payments of debts owed to the State, the corporation, or both. The proceeds of any collections on these accounts by the department of the attorney general's collections unit shall be deposited into the health systems special fund.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all full-time state employee positions in the attorney general's collections unit currently funded by the health systems special fund to provide collection services to the Hawaii health systems corporation shall remain as such; provided that the Hawaii health systems corporation shall expend \$650,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1998-1999 for such positions, including salaries and fringe benefits, and the planning, design, construction, and acquisition of equipment, furnishings, and software necessary for the development of a modern collections computer system.

SECTION 3. The department of the attorney general shall submit a report to the legislature no later than March 31, 1999 identifying all delinquent accounts owed to the Hawaii health systems corporation that were handled by the attorney general through December 31, 1998, and the disposition of those accounts.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1998, and shall be repealed on July 1, 1999.

(Approved June 22, 1998.)