

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services.

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. Although funds were appropriated for emergency medical services for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998, a critical funding emergency now exists. Additional funding is needed for the payment of goods and services related to the conduct and delivery of emergency ambulance services within the County of Maui.

An operating shortfall of \$292,180 is anticipated for the 1998 Maui County emergency ambulance contract. The competitive bid procurement of Maui County emergency ambulance services beginning January 1, 1998 will need additional funding to maintain the current level of services to include seven ambulance units on the island of Maui, one on Molokai, and one on Lanai.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$292,180, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 1997-1998 to maintain the current level of emergency ambulance services on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health.

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

(Approved May 19, 1998.)