

ACT 17

H.B. NO. 1377

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation to 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 purpose of this Act is to increase the expenditure ceiling of the health systems special fund, established by section 323F-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to pay for operational costs that will exceed the current expenditure ceiling.

A ceiling increase of \$41,000,000 for the health systems special fund is required to pay for additional staff hired for the conversion of Kula, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospitals to critical access hospital status; for hospitalist programs at Hilo Medical Center, Maui Memorial Medical Center, and Kona Community Hospital; to operate the medical/surgical wing at Maui Memorial Medical Center; to staff imaging departments; to provide physicians

for specialty coverage; and to help cover the increasing costs of providing quality healthcare.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the health systems special fund the sum of \$41,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2006-2007 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health systems corporation.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 16, 2007.)