

JAN 25 2012

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 321-22.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The moneys in the trauma system special fund shall be
4 used by the department to support the continuing development and
5 operation of a comprehensive state trauma system. The trauma
6 system special fund shall be used to subsidize the documented
7 costs for the comprehensive state trauma system, including but
8 not limited to the following:

9 (1) Costs of under-compensated and uncompensated trauma
10 care incurred by hospitals providing care to trauma
11 patients; [~~and~~]

12 (2) Costs incurred by hospitals providing care to trauma
13 patients to maintain on-call physicians for trauma
14 care [~~-~~]; and

15 (3) Costs to staff and operate the State's injury
16 prevention program.

17 The money in the trauma system special fund shall not be
18 used to supplant funding for trauma services authorized prior to

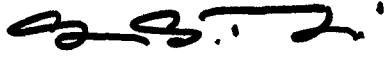
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1 July 1, 2006, and shall not be used for ambulance or medical air
2 transport services."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Trauma System Special Fund

Description:

Adds to the uses of the moneys in the Trauma System Special Fund the costs to staff, operate, and continue the services of the injury prevention program.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND.

PURPOSE: Allow moneys in the trauma system special fund to be used to staff and operate the State's injury prevention program.

MEANS: Amend section 321-22.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Injury prevention is an essential part of a comprehensive trauma system. Injury prevention efforts, including policy level changes and community education efforts, are necessary to reduce the burden of injury for Hawaii. The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch oversees the Trauma System Special Fund. DOH has a strong injury prevention program but the current 25% reduction in the CDC Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHBG) funding and the possible elimination of this funding in fiscal year 2012-2013 threaten the program's ability to provide public health programs and initiatives to reduce injuries in Hawaii. It is appropriate and prudent to change the method of funding from federal (PHHSBG) to Trauma System Special Fund.

Impact on the public: The Injury Prevention and Control positions are essential for the Department of Health's efforts to reduce the burden of injury for the State.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The department will not be impacted as the Trauma System Special Fund has sufficient funds to cover the additional personnel costs.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Trauma System Special Fund
Amount: \$321,974.00

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.