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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rural hospitals are  
2 essential components of the State's health care system.  
3 Maintaining acute, long-term, and emergency services in areas  
4 like the north shore of Oahu is essential to ensure access to  
5 health care among community residents and timely access to  
6 emergent care for visitors. The loss of Kahuku medical center's  
7 designation as a critical access hospital would endanger its  
8 ability to provide these services to residents and visitors on  
9 the north shore.

10           The purpose of this Act is to designate Kahuku medical  
11 center as a rural hospital for the purposes of maintaining its  
12 critical access hospital designation.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§346-    Kahuku medical center. The Kahuku medical center  
17 is designated as a rural hospital for the purpose of qualifying  
18 as a critical access hospital."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and  
3 shall be repealed on June 30, .



**Report Title:**

Rural Hospital; Critical Access Hospital; Kahuku Medical Center

**Description:**

Designates the Kahuku medical center as a rural hospital.  
Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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