
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Wahiawa general
2 hospital is the only hospital that provides emergency medical
3 services in a vast geographical area, extending from Mililani to
4 Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku, which encompasses nearly
5 one-third of the island of Oahu.

6 Over the past ten years, Wahiawa general hospital has
7 experienced severe financial difficulties. To address these
8 circumstances, the hospital has cut programs, services, and
9 personnel, but these changes have not remedied the hospital's
10 financial deficit.

11 The legislature further finds that the optimal way to
12 decrease the hospital's financial deficit is to focus on
13 critical services that include emergency medical care, long term
14 care, and geriatric care. The Wahiawa center for community
15 health can assist patients who might lose services by the
16 downsize of Wahiawa general hospital. Although the hospital
17 will downsize, services will be available for the community of
18 Wahiawa.



1 The purpose of this Act is to provide desperately needed
2 financial assistance to Wahiawa general hospital to ensure the
3 health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State by:

- 4 (1) Appropriating funds to support basic operations, staff
5 salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist
6 physician services at Wahiawa general hospital; and
- 7 (2) Authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds and
8 appropriating funds for financing capital improvement
9 projects for Wahiawa general hospital.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to
13 support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and
14 continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa general
15 hospital; provided that:

- 16 (1) Wahiawa general hospital shall discontinue acute care
17 services and focus only on emergency services, long
18 term care, and geriatric care; and
- 19 (2) The director of health shall negotiate with Wahiawa
20 general hospital for the terms of the release of funds
21 appropriated under this section.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. The director of finance is authorized to issue
4 general obligations bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2017-2018
7 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects for
8 Wahiawa general hospital; provided that:

9 (1) Wahiawa general hospital shall discontinue acute care
10 services and focus only on emergency services, long
11 term care, and geriatric care; and

12 (2) The director of health shall negotiate with Wahiawa
13 general hospital for the terms of the release of funds
14 appropriated under this section.

15 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated for the capital
16 improvement projects set forth in section 3 shall be expended by
17 the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. The appropriation made for the capital
19 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
20 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is



1 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
2 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Wahiawa General Hospital; Operation and Staff; General
Obligation Bonds; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa general hospital. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for financing capital improvement projects for Wahiawa general hospital. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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