THE SENATE
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1410
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
PROPOSED

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to provide support for the expansion of the Kau rural health clinic to improve access to urgent care and outpatient behavioral health services, thereby reducing the need for emergency services.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Part II

Section 2. The Legislature finds that the Department of Health is responsible for administering and maintaining the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System by planning, coordinating, and providing assistance to all public and private entities and agencies involved in the state system, and ensuring that all emergency medical services or ambulance
services conducted by or under the authorization of the Department of Health or any county are consistent with part XVII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities, and equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under emergency conditions, regardless of whether the emergency condition occurs as a result of the patient's condition, natural disasters, or other causes and the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System provides personnel, personnel training, communications, emergency transportation, facilities, coordination with emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and use of available public safety agencies, promotion of consumer participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical recordkeeping, consumer information and education, independent review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements, and other components necessary to meet the purposes of the state comprehensive system.

The Department of Health is responsible for establishing standards for emergency medical services and for emergency
medical service systems consistent with the State Comprehensive
Emergency Medical Services System and applicable federal
guidelines for such services, and the regulation of ambulances
within the State, including the certification of vehicles,
equipment, supplies, and communication systems.

The State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee is
administratively attached to the Department of Health to serve
in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health on all
matters relating to the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical
Services System and in consultation with the State Emergency
Medical Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
services that are implemented in each county and is authorized
to contract to provide emergency medical services, including
emergency aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a
county emergency services system in accordance with the State
Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
the Department of Health is responsible for establishing
reasonable fees for services rendered to the public by the
Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and to
fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury
Prevention System Branch, it is imperative that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently maintained and effectively provides emergency services.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health shall conduct a study on the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System to identify issues and problems and propose initiatives to improve the system. The Department of Health is requested to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.

SECTION 4. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Keo's Law."

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
Report Title:
Kau Hospital; Rural Health Clinic; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Urgent Care; Behavioral Health Services; Appropriation

Description:
The Department of Health shall conduct a study of the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System. Appropriates funds to expand the Kau Rural Health Clinic to improve access to urgent care and outpatient behavioral health services. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2), HD1 PROPOSED

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