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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a cardiac care unit  
2 is needed in Hawaii county, as county residents suffering from  
3 heart problems or strokes are often airlifted to Oahu or Maui to  
4 receive critical medical care. An individual suffering from  
5 cardiac complications must receive interventional care within  
6 two hours in order to recover completely. However, an  
7 evaluation and airlift from Hawaii county to Oahu or Maui can  
8 take much more than two hours, increasing the risk that the  
9 patient may not fully recover.

10           The legislature further finds that while there are barriers  
11 to offering interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment  
12 to Hawaii county residents, Hilo medical center has reduced many  
13 of these barriers through the acquisition and installation of  
14 cardiac imaging equipment and software, as well as establishing  
15 cardiology clinic infrastructure designed for up to three  
16 cardiologists and supporting providers. Because cardiac  
17 interventions are complicated procedures, it is important that



1 Hilo medical center receives support to expand its offering of  
2 interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment, and  
3 thereby continue to save lives and improve the quality of life  
4 for cardiac patients.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
6 Hawaii health systems corporation to improve the health care  
7 services related to cardiac care at Hilo medical center.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
11 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
12 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Hawaii health systems corporation  
13 to improve the health care services at Hilo medical center;  
14 provided that the funds shall be used for the following:

- 15 (1) Costs associated with recruiting and employing two  
16 additional cardiologists while they establish their  
17 invasive cardiology practice;
- 18 (2) Costs of support staff required to support the  
19 cardiology practice;
- 20 (3) Initial training of catheterization lab, intensive  
21 care unit, and radiology staff;



- 1       (4) Purchasing of inventory of medical devices and
- 2            medications used for interventional cardiology
- 3            procedures;
- 4       (5) Purchasing of medical equipment for the cardiac
- 5            catheterization lab and intensive care unit;
- 6       (6) Purchasing of diagnostic laboratory equipment; and
- 7       (7) Initial costs of a certified lab technician.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Hilo Medical Center; Cardiac Care; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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