
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mobile health
2 clinics are an innovative model of health services delivery that
3 provides a variety of services to vulnerable populations.
4 Mobile health clinics, described as a basic doctor's office or
5 exam room located inside a large van, bus, or recreational
6 vehicle, travel to medically underserved areas to help connect
7 patients to care. These clinics provide various health
8 services, ranging from primary care and dental care, to
9 mammography, pediatric, mental health, asthma, maternal and
10 infant health, disaster relief, vision, and other services.
11 The National Institutes of Health states that some studies
12 have concluded that mobile health clinics are particularly
13 impactful in offering urgent care, providing preventative health
14 screenings, and initiating chronic disease managements. The
15 National Institutes of Health further states that current
16 literature supports that mobile health clinics are successful in
17 reaching vulnerable populations by delivering services directly



1 at the curbside in communities of need and flexibly adapting
2 their services based on the changing needs of the target
3 community.

4 The legislature also finds that the coronavirus pandemic
5 has exacerbated the need to look at options for providing
6 medical care to the community, particularly underserved and
7 vulnerable populations. Information and communication
8 technology through mobile communications are also transforming
9 the way healthcare services are being delivered. The
10 legislature finds that medical vans and other "health on wheels"
11 services in the State provide mobile medical and social services
12 directly to individuals and families in need, including
13 providing medical and hygiene services for the homeless.

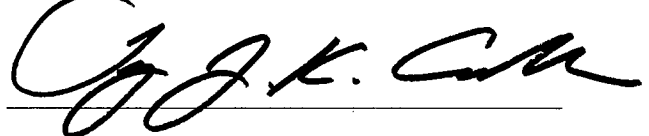
14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for mobile
15 health clinics in the State.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2022-2023 for mobile health clinics in the State.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

4 INTRODUCED BY: 

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H.B. NO. 512

Report Title:

Mobile Health Clinics; Mobile Services; DOH

Description:

Appropriates funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for mobile health clinics in the State.

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