
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that more emergency
2 services are needed in the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt
3 Lake, and Foster Village areas on the island of Oahu. As calls
4 for emergency response services increase, a greater burden is
5 placed on the city and county of Honolulu emergency medical
6 services division to respond to emergency calls in these areas.
7 This increased workload threatens the ability of the division to
8 provide acceptable levels of emergency medical services.

9 Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village
10 are high density areas with a sizable distance between the two
11 nearest hospital units, Kuakini Hospital in Liliha and Pali Momi
12 Hospital in Aiea. In 2014 alone, these areas experienced 4,418
13 calls for emergency medical services. Callers often face long
14 response times, a problem which may worsen without additional
15 emergency medical services. This is evidenced by recent
16 statistics showing that from 2011 to 2014, the response time
17 slowed from 8.46 minutes to 9.4 minutes.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
2 department of health to assist the city and county of Honolulu
3 emergency medical services division to expand emergency medical
4 services and ambulance services in the aforementioned
5 communities by authorizing an additional emergency medical
6 services unit.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2016-2017 to assist the city and county of Honolulu emergency
12 medical services division to expand emergency medical services
13 and ambulance services in the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt
14 Lake, and Foster Village communities by authorizing an
15 additional emergency medical services unit.

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

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.



Report Title:

Emergency Medical Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to operate an additional emergency medical services unit in the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village areas. Effective 7/1/2060. (SD1)

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