

JAN 29 2015

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 experience
14 long response times, which increased from 8.46 minutes in 2011
15 to 9.4 minutes in 2014.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
17 department of health to assist the city and county of Honolulu



1 emergency medical services division with expanding emergency
2 medical services and ambulance services in the above communities
3 to operate an additional emergency medical service unit.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,374,237.98 or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2016-2017 to assist the city and county of Honolulu
9 emergency medical services division with expanding emergency
10 medical services and ambulance services in the Moanalua,
11 Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village communities to
12 operate an additional emergency medical service unit.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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S.B. NO. 1281

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.

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