
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 the need to put in an
2 ambulance unit to service the areas of Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red
3 Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village areas on the island of Oahu
4 to relieve the burdens placed on the greater metropolitan area.
5 As calls for emergency response services increase, a greater
6 burden is placed on the city and county of Honolulu emergency
7 medical services division to respond to emergency calls in these
8 areas. This increased workload threatens the ability of the
9 division to provide acceptable levels of emergency medical
10 services.

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



1 statistics showing that from 2011 to 2014, the response time
2 slowed from 8.46 minutes to 9.4 minutes.

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

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,800,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to assist
12 the city and county of Honolulu emergency medical services
13 division to expand emergency medical services and ambulance
14 services in the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and
15 Foster Village communities by authorizing an additional
16 emergency medical services unit.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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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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