

---

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HILO MEDICAL CENTER.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hilo medical  
2 center interventional cardiac program began service on  
3 January 1, 2019. Since July 1, 2019, interventional cardiac  
4 catheterization for the treatment of heart attacks has been  
5 available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the  
6 residents of east Hawaii. In the last year, over forty heart  
7 attacks have been treated in the catheterization lab. An  
8 additional one hundred eighty-one patients were electively  
9 treated with stents for artery blockages, preventing future  
10 heart attacks. This high-quality program has maintained a  
11 mortality rate of 0.0075, which exceeds the standards of the  
12 American College of Cardiology.

13           The legislature further finds that from a financial  
14 perspective, the interventional cardiac program has allowed at  
15 least forty air intensive care unit medical transports to Oahu  
16 to be avoided, with an estimated \$1,700,000 in savings to the  
17 health care system. In the past five months of full operation,



1 the cardiac catheterization program has earned \$4,100,000 in new  
2 revenue, which is substantial evidence that this program will be  
3 self-supporting and sustainable over the long-term. The  
4 legislature is cautiously optimistic that the program may  
5 generate a profit.

6 The cardiac lab is now at full capacity and a second lab is  
7 needed to meet the demand for cardiac services in east Hawaii.  
8 An additional lab will also ensure availability of critical  
9 lifesaving equipment. The legislature notes that the need for a  
10 second lab was anticipated and the planning and design of a  
11 second lab have already been completed.

12 The purpose of this Act is appropriate funds for the  
13 equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization  
14 laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health  
15 systems corporation east Hawaii region.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,500,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
19 equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization  
20 laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health  
21 systems corporation east Hawaii region.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health  
2 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Catheterization Laboratory; Hilo Medical Center; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; East Hawaii Region; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for the equipment and construction of a second full-time catheterization laboratory at the Hilo medical center in the Hawaii health systems corporation east Hawaii region. (SD1)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

