

January 30, 2025

MEMO TO: KA‘Ā-1(2) File

F R O M: Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair *KAF*
Kōmike Aloha ‘Āina

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT RELATING TO
TRANSITIONING KALAWAO COUNTY TO MAUI COUNTY**
(KA‘Ā-1(2))

The attached informational document pertains to Item 1(2) on the Committee’s agenda.

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Attachment

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHANGES TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CONCERNING PATIENTS, THE COUNTY OF KALAWAO, AND THE
KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.

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

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3 former Hansen's disease patients residing at Kalaupapa in the
4 county of Kalawao is aging. There are currently seven
5 individuals on the Kalaupapa Registry who receive services from
6 the State. Four of them are full-time residents at Kalaupapa.
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8 The legislature finds that the county of Kalawao consists
9 of that portion of the island of Molokai commonly known as the
10 Kalaupapa Settlement and that the county of Kalawao is under the
11 jurisdiction and control of the department of health and
12 governed by the laws and rules relating to the department and
13 the care and treatment of persons affected with Hansen's
14 disease. After the passing of the last full- or part-time
15 patient resident at Kalaupapa, the department of health will no
16 longer provide patient care there but intends to complete
17 environmental remediation work.

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1 The legislature further finds that there are many
2 stakeholders that care about the future of the Kalaupapa
3 Settlement and the preservation of the historical, cultural, and
4 environmental significance of the county of Kalawao. This Act
5 reflects preliminary sentiments heard from some Maui county
6 residents that the county of Kalawao be reunited with the county
7 of Maui. A transparent process and opportunity for more
8 extensive public input regarding the transfer of jurisdiction
9 and control of Kalawao county is required.

10 Accordingly, the purposes of this Act are to:

- 11 (1) Prepare for changes of responsibilities of the
12 department of health upon the passing of the last
13 patient resident of the Kalaupapa Settlement;
- 14 (2) Commemorate and preserve the historical, cultural, and
15 environmental significance of the peninsula and its
16 residents in Hawaii's history with the establishment
17 of the Kalaupapa State Historical Area; and
- 18 (3) Provide the public the opportunity for input on the
19 future of the county of Kalawao via the legislative
20 process.

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2 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding to part II a new section to be appropriately
4 designated and to read as follows:

5 "§6E- Kalaupapa state historical area. (a) There
6 shall be a Kalaupapa state historical area that shall consist of
7 that portion of the island of Molokai known as Kalaupapa,
8 Kalaawao, and Waikolu, and commonly known or designated as the
9 Kalaupapa Settlement.

10 (b) The Kalaupapa state historical area is established to
11 preserve the Kalaupapa Settlement, to educate the public, to
12 commemorate the lives of residents with Hansen's disease and the
13 lives of the people who served them, and to recognize the county
14 of Kalawao and its role in the history of Hawaii."

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 326, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

18 "§326- County of Kalawao; cessation; county of Maui.

19 The county of Kalawao that consists of that portion of the

20 island of Molokai known as Kalaupapa, Kalawao, and Waikolu, and

21 commonly known or designated as the Kalaupapa Settlement shall

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1 cease to constitute a county by itself and shall be and form a
2 portion of the county of Maui."

3 SECTION 4. Section 326-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§326-1 ~~[Establishment of facilities]~~ Services for the
6 treatment and care of persons with Hansen's disease. The
7 department of health, subject to the approval of the governor,
8 shall ~~[establish and maintain facilities and]~~ provide services
9 as are necessary for the care and treatment of persons with
10 Hansen's disease and persons who were institutionalized for
11 segregation by order of the department of health because of
12 Hansen's disease.

13 Every ~~[such facility or]~~ service provider shall exercise
14 every reasonable effort to effect a cure of ~~[these]~~ persons ~~[-]~~
15 with Hansen's disease. All ~~[such]~~ persons with Hansen's disease
16 shall be cared for as well as circumstances will permit, in
17 accordance with accepted medical practices. ~~[Every patient~~
18 ~~shall be encouraged to take complete treatment so that prompt~~
19 ~~recovery can be attained. Isolation and treatment shall be~~
20 ~~compulsory only in those cases where, in the opinion of the~~
21 ~~department, that treatment is necessary to protect the health of~~
22 ~~the public, and the department may take such measures as may be~~

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1 necessary to enforce this section, including the adoption of
2 rules pursuant to chapter 91.] "

3 SECTION 5. Section 326-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§326-13 Expenses; rules. [(a)] The department of health
6 shall bear all expenses of travel and other necessary expenses
7 incurred under sections 326-1 to 326-14 and may adopt all rules
8 and forms and perform all acts necessary and proper for carrying
9 out their provisions.

10 [(b) Expenses related to patients shall be tracked
11 separately from nonpatient costs, whenever appropriate and
12 possible.] "

13 SECTION 6. Section 326-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§326-24 Rules. The director of health may adopt rules
16 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the conduct of all matters
17 pertaining to Hansen's disease, the treatment and care thereof,
18 and other services provided to persons affected with Hansen's
19 disease [, and the full and complete governance of the county of
20 Kalawao, except as limited by this chapter]. "

21 SECTION 7. Section 326-25.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:

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1 "§326-25.5 Annual report. (a) The department of health
2 shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty
3 days prior to the convening of each regular session that
4 addresses the following with regard to Kalaupapa Settlement:

5 (1) The department's provision of medical and basic living
6 needs of the patients;

7 (2) The department's progress toward defining and
8 addressing the nonmedical needs of patients;

9 (3) The department's progress toward promoting a positive
10 living environment;

11 (4) The department's management of state resources,
12 including benefits given to employees that are not
13 statutorily defined;

14 (5) The department's progress toward establishing written
15 policies and procedures for Kalaupapa store;

16 (6) The department's progress toward establishing and
17 maintaining a complaint file and adequately addressing
18 complaints;

19 (7) The performance of the administrator, including
20 compliance with job duties;

21 (8) The department's progress toward adequate
22 accountability of state property;

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- (9) Details and justification of approved employee air travel requests and trail pay;
- (10) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other governmental or qualified non-governmental entities of the powers and duties of the department and any other state agency over Kalaupapa Settlement; and
- (11) Details including efforts of engagement by the department with Molokai community groups, including the addition of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa and a non-governmental organization from the non-peninsular area of Molokai to be selected by the department in consultation with the non-peninsular area of the Molokai community.

(b) Annual reporting shall continue until the earlier of

16 the year in which the passing of the last patient resident

17 occurs or Kalaupapa settlement is no longer under the

18 jurisdiction and control of the department of health."

19 SECTION 8. Section 326-1.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

20 repealed.

21 [§326-1.3] Liberty, autonomy, and dignity of patient
22 residents. (a) In recognition of the disruptions and hardships

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1 experienced over the course of their lives by former Hansen's
2 disease patients residing at Kalaupapa, the legislature declares
3 its intent to ensure that all residents at Kalaupapa are treated
4 with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity and that the
5 protections extended by this chapter to the patient residents at
6 Kalaupapa are honored and upheld by the department of health to
7 the extent possible within their purview.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
9 department of health shall promote and protect the personal
10 liberty, autonomy, and dignity of all patient residents at
11 Kalaupapa.]

12 SECTION 9. Section 326-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 ["§326-2 Equal treatment of patients. Every Hansen's
15 disease sufferer at Hale Mōhalu and Kalaupapa shall be accorded
16 as nearly equal care and privileges as is practicable under the
17 different operating conditions of the two institutions."]

18 SECTION 10. Section 326-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 repealed.

20 ["§326-11 Voluntary transfer to and from Kalaupapa. Any
21 person undergoing treatment and receiving care for Hansen's
22 disease at Hale Mōhalu on June 30, 1969, may be transferred to

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1 ~~Kalaupapa for care and treatment if the person desires. Any~~
2 ~~person who may undergo treatment and receive care for Hansen's~~
3 ~~disease at Hale Mohalu after June 30, 1969, may apply to the~~
4 ~~director of health for transfer to Kalaupapa. Any person~~
5 ~~undergoing treatment and receiving care for Hansen's disease at~~
6 ~~Kalaupapa may be transferred to Hale Mohalu for care and~~
7 ~~treatment if the person desires. A person transferred may be~~
8 ~~retransferred to Kalaupapa if the person desires."~~]

9 SECTION 11. Section 326-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 repealed.

11 ["~~§326-21 Employment of patients. At any facility for the~~
12 ~~care and treatment of persons with Hansen's disease, the~~
13 ~~department of health, with the consent of a patient, may employ~~
14 ~~that patient to perform labor or service.~~]

15 ~~When there are vacancies in positions, classified under~~
16 ~~chapter 76, at a facility exclusively for the care and treatment~~
17 ~~of persons with Hansen's disease, employment preference shall be~~
18 ~~given to temporary release patients and discharged patients from~~
19 ~~those facilities provided that the persons so hired shall be~~
20 ~~otherwise qualified under chapter 76.~~

21 ~~Discharged patients who have been employed prior to~~
22 ~~December 30, 1960, under chapter 76 in accordance with the~~

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1 second paragraph of this section shall be eligible to receive
2 the same rights and privileges as those enjoyed by temporary
3 release patients employed under the second paragraph of this
4 section."]

5 SECTION 12. Section 326-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 repealed.

7 ["~~§326-22 Compensation of patient employees.~~ The
8 compensation for patients employed under section 326-21 shall be
9 set by the department of health; provided that in no case shall
10 the compensation be less than the minimum wage as established by
11 section 387-2.

12 Each patient employee of the department shall be entitled
13 to and granted sick leave with pay and a vacation with pay each
14 calendar year, each calculated at the following rate:

15 For patients working six hours a day, one and one half days
16 for each month of service;

17 For patients working five hours a day, one and one quarter
18 days for each month of service;

19 For patients working four hours a day, one day for each
20 month of service.

21 A month of service is defined as eighty or more hours of
22 work which may be accumulated over any period of time to total

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1 eighty hours. No more than twelve months of service may be
2 earned and credited in any calendar year, even if the total
3 number of hours worked should exceed nine hundred sixty hours."]

4 SECTION 13. Section 326-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 repealed.

6 ["§326-23 Pensions for patient employees at facilities.
7 (a) All patient employees or patient laborers at every facility
8 maintained for the treatment and care of persons with Hansen's
9 disease shall be entitled, upon retirement after twenty years or
10 more service with the department of health, to a pension in an
11 amount which shall be equal to sixty six and two thirds per cent
12 of the monthly wage or salary which the patient was receiving at
13 the time of retirement, or to a pension in an amount which shall
14 be equal to sixty six and two thirds per cent of the average
15 monthly wage or salary which the patient employee was receiving
16 during the last twelve months of employment at the department of
17 health, whichever is higher. For the period from July 1, 2007,
18 to June 30, 2008, the pension amounts shall be adjusted as
19 follows:-

20 (1) Retired patient employees receiving less than \$4,000
21 annually shall be granted a five per cent increase;

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1 them under this section. Furthermore, notwithstanding any other
2 law relating to this subject, that reemployment shall not result
3 in suspension or termination of payment of the pension granted
4 originally or serve to increase, decrease, or alter the pension
5 in any way."]

6 SECTION 14. Section 326-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed:

8 ["~~§326-26 Persons allowed at places for Hansen's disease~~
9 ~~patients.~~ (a) ~~No person, not having Hansen's disease, shall be~~
10 ~~allowed to visit or remain upon any land, place, or inclosure~~
11 ~~set apart by the department of health for the domiciles and~~
12 ~~community facilities of persons affected with Hansen's disease,~~
13 ~~without the written permission of the director of health, or~~
14 ~~some officer authorized thereto by the department, under any~~
15 ~~circumstances whatever, and any person found upon such land,~~
16 ~~place, or inclosure without a written permission shall be fined~~
17 ~~not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for such offense; provided~~
18 ~~that any patient resident of Kalaupapa desiring to remain at the~~
19 ~~facility shall be permitted to do so for as long as the person~~
20 ~~may choose, regardless of whether the person has been~~
21 ~~successfully treated.~~

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1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), upon the request of a
2 patient, the non patient spouse of a patient residing at
3 Kalaupapa shall be allowed to reside with the patient spouse at
4 Kalaupapa. The non patient spouse shall not be entitled to
5 receive any services or benefits accorded specifically to
6 Hansen's disease patients at Kalaupapa."]

7 SECTION 15. Section 326-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 repealed.

9 ["§326-27 Kalaupapa store; loans for operation and
10 maintenance. (a) All moneys to enable the department of health
11 to operate and maintain the Kalaupapa store, situated in
12 Kalaupapa, Molokai, shall be allocated by the legislature
13 through appropriations out of the state general fund.

14 (b) The department shall include in its budgetary request
15 for each upcoming fiscal period, the amounts necessary to
16 effectuate the purposes of this section.

17 (c) All moneys received in reimbursement of payments made
18 under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the state
19 general fund."]

20 SECTION 16. Section 326-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 repealed.

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1 ["§326-28 ~~Kalaupapa store prices; penalty.~~ It shall be
2 unlawful for the department of health or its agents to sell or
3 offer for sale any merchandise at the Kalaupapa store at prices
4 exceeding the actual cost thereof, free on board steamer or any
5 other means of transportation at Honolulu. Any person violating
6 this section shall be fined \$25 and in addition thereto shall,
7 in the discretion of the department, be subject to removal from
8 office."]

9 SECTION 17. Section 326-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 repealed.

11 ["§326-29 ~~Fishing laws exemption; Kalaupapa.~~
12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, state laws
13 on fishing shall not be applicable to Hansen's disease patients
14 of Kalaupapa, provided the patients engage in fishing along the
15 shorelines and in waters immediately adjacent to the county of
16 Kalawao."]

17 No fish or other marine products obtained by patients may
18 be sold outside of the county of Kalawao.

19 The department of health shall adopt rules pursuant to
20 chapter 91 necessary to control all fishing and acquisition of
21 marine products by Hansen's disease patients."]

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1 SECTION 18. Section 326-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§326-30 Making or taking of pictures without permission~~
4 ~~prohibited.~~ (a) ~~No person shall photograph, film, or videotape~~
5 ~~any patient at any facility maintained by the department of~~
6 ~~health for the care and treatment of persons with Hansen's~~
7 ~~disease, without the written permission of the patient.~~

8 ~~(b) Any person violating this section shall be fined not~~
9 ~~more than \$1,000 per incident."]~~

10 SECTION 19. Section 326-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 repealed.

12 ~~["§326-34 County of Kalawao; governance.~~ (a) ~~The county~~
13 ~~of Kalawao shall consist of that portion of the island of~~
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15 ~~known or designated as the Kalaupapa Settlement, and shall not~~
16 ~~be or form a portion of the county of Maui, but is constituted a~~
17 ~~county by itself. As a county it shall have only the powers~~
18 ~~especially conferred and given by sections 326-34 to 326-38 and,~~
19 ~~except as provided in those sections, none of the provisions of~~
20 ~~the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding counties shall be deemed~~
21 ~~to refer to or shall be applicable to the county of Kalawao.~~

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1 (b) The county of Kalawao shall be under the jurisdiction
2 and control of the department of health and be governed by the
3 laws, and rules relating to the department and the care and
4 treatment of persons affected with Hansen's disease, except as
5 otherwise provided by law."]

6 SECTION 20. Section 326-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed.

8 ["§326-35 Sheriff, appointment, removal. There shall be
9 no county officer in the county other than a sheriff, who shall
10 be a patient resident of and be appointed in the county by the
11 department of health and who shall hold office at the pleasure
12 of the department or until a successor is appointed by the
13 department. When a qualified patient resident is not available,
14 the department may appoint a staff employee or other qualified
15 person to serve as sheriff."]

16 SECTION 21. Section 326-36, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 repealed.

18 ["§326-36 ~~Sheriff, salary.~~ The salary of the sheriff
19 shall be fixed and paid by the department of health out of the
20 appropriation allowed by the legislature for the care and
21 treatment of persons affected with Hansen's disease."]

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1 SECTION 22. Section 326-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§326-37 Sheriff, duties. The sheriff of the county of~~
4 ~~Kalawao shall preserve the public peace and shall arrest and~~
5 ~~take before the district judge for examination all persons who~~
6 ~~attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense and~~
7 ~~prosecute the same to the best of the sheriff's ability."]~~

8 SECTION 23. Section 326-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 repealed.

10 ~~["§326-38 Sheriff, powers. The sheriff may appoint and~~
11 ~~dismiss and reappoint as many police officers as may be~~
12 ~~authorized by the department of health for the county. Patient~~
13 ~~residents, for the services rendered as police officers, shall~~
14 ~~receive pay as the department determines and which pay shall be~~
15 ~~taken out of and from the appropriation made by the legislature~~
16 ~~for the care and treatment of persons affected with Hansen's~~
17 ~~disease. The sheriff shall have other powers and duties within~~
18 ~~the county of Kalawao and appropriate thereto as are prescribed~~
19 ~~by law for the chiefs of police or police officers of the~~
20 ~~several counties respectively."]~~

21 SECTION 24. Section 326-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 repealed.

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1 ["§326-40 ~~Kalaupapa; policy on residency.~~ The legislature
2 ~~finds that Hawaii's Hansen's disease victims have in many ways~~
3 ~~symbolized the plight of those afflicted with this disease~~
4 ~~throughout the world. Their sufferings and social deprivations~~
5 ~~helped eventually to bring the story of the disease and an~~
6 ~~understanding of its health ravages to people everywhere. Those~~
7 ~~patients who settled in Kalaupapa remain a living memorial to a~~
8 ~~long history of tragic separation, readjustment, and endurance.~~
9 It is the policy of the State that the patient residents of
10 ~~Kalaupapa shall be accorded adequate health care and other~~
11 ~~services for the remainder of their lives. Furthermore, it is~~
12 ~~the policy of the State that any patient resident of Kalaupapa~~
13 ~~desiring to remain at the facility shall be permitted to do so~~
14 ~~for as long as that patient may choose, regardless of whether or~~
15 ~~not the patient has been successfully treated. A patient~~
16 ~~resident of Kalaupapa desiring to take leave may do so without~~
17 ~~loss of financial allowance or coverage of health care costs~~
18 ~~given those who remain at Kalaupapa. "]~~

PART III

20 SECTION 25. Upon the passing of the last full- or part-
21 time patient resident of Kalaupapa, the governor shall issue a
22 proclamation to affirm the date of passing. The governor shall

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1 also immediately deliver a copy of the proclamation to the
2 revisor of statutes.

3 For purposes of this Act, "full- or part-time patient
4 resident of Kalaupapa" means a person who was institutionalized
5 for segregation by order of the department of health because of
6 Hansen's disease and who chose to remain at Kalaupapa or Hale
7 Mohalu after June 30, 1969.

8 SECTION 26. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 27. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11 provided that part II of this Act shall take effect on the one-
12 year anniversary of the passing of the last full- or part-time
13 patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the governor's
14 proclamation, as described in section 25 of this Act.

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INTRODUCED BY:



17 BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

DOH; Kalaupapa State Historical Area; Hansen's Disease; Expenses; Rules; Annual Report; Transfer to the County of Maui

Description:

Establishes the Kalaupapa State Historical Area. Authorizes the Department of Health to continue providing services statewide to Hansen's disease patients living in the community. Repeals sections of chapter 326, Hawaii Revised Statutes, upon the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the Governor's proclamation.

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

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONCERNING PATIENTS, THE COUNTY OF KALAWAO, AND THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.

PURPOSE: To establish the Kalaupapa State Historical Area; authorize the Department of Health to continue providing services statewide to Hansen's disease patients living in the community; and, after the passing of the last patient resident, to dissolve the County of Kalawao, authorize its absorption into the County of Maui, and repeal various powers of the Department of Health.

MEANS: Add a new section to part II of chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); add a new section to chapter 326, HRS; amend sections 326-1, 326-13, 326-24; 326-25.5; repeal sections 326-1.3; 326-2, 326-11, 326-21, 326-22, 326-23, 325-26, 326-27, 326-28, 326-29, 326-30, 326-34, 326-35, 326-36, 326-37, 326-38, and 326-40, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: There are currently seven individuals on the Kalaupapa Registry who receive services from the state. Four of them are full-time residents at Kalaupapa. All of these patients are age eighty-three years or older.

The County of Kalawao, in which the Kalaupapa Settlement is located, is under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of Health. This bill is needed because the Department's jurisdiction and control must be repealed after the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa.

Impact on the public: None. The Department's duties and responsibilities extend only to the patients at Kalaupapa Settlement and not the public at large.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

If the county of Maui absorbs the county of Kalawao, new ordinances are required to extend the county of Maui's political authority to govern the former county of Kalawao. There may also be a fiscal impact to the county of Maui to provide county services.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: HTH 100.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: County of Maui, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the U.S. National Park Service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval and on the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the Governor's proclamation.

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1 The legislature further finds that there are many
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11 segregation by order of the department of health because of
12 Hansen's disease.

13 Every [such facility or] service provider shall exercise
14 every reasonable effort to effect a cure of [these] persons [-]
15 with Hansen's disease. All [such] persons with Hansen's disease
16 shall be cared for as well as circumstances will permit, in
17 accordance with accepted medical practices. [Every patient
18 shall be encouraged to take complete treatment so that prompt
19 recovery can be attained. Isolation and treatment shall be
20 compulsory only in those cases where, in the opinion of the
21 department, that treatment is necessary to protect the health of
22 the public, and the department may take such measures as may be

1 necessary to enforce this section, including the adoption of
2 rules pursuant to chapter 91.] "

3 SECTION 5. Section 326-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§326-13 Expenses; rules. [a] The department of health
6 shall bear all expenses of travel and other necessary expenses
7 incurred under sections 326-1 to 326-14 and may adopt all rules
8 and forms and perform all acts necessary and proper for carrying
9 out their provisions.

10 [b) Expenses related to patients shall be tracked
11 separately from nonpatient costs, whenever appropriate and
12 possible.] "

13 SECTION 6. Section 326-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§326-24 Rules. The director of health may adopt rules
16 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the conduct of all matters
17 pertaining to Hansen's disease, the treatment and care thereof,
18 and other services provided to persons affected with Hansen's
19 disease [, and the full and complete governance of the county of
20 Kalawao, except as limited by this chapter]. "

21 SECTION 7. Section 326-25.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:

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1 "§326-25.5 Annual report. (a) The department of health
2 shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty
3 days prior to the convening of each regular session that
4 addresses the following with regard to Kalaupapa Settlement:

5 (1) The department's provision of medical and basic living
6 needs of the patients;

7 (2) The department's progress toward defining and
8 addressing the nonmedical needs of patients;

9 (3) The department's progress toward promoting a positive
10 living environment;

11 (4) The department's management of state resources,
12 including benefits given to employees that are not
13 statutorily defined;

14 (5) The department's progress toward establishing written
15 policies and procedures for Kalaupapa store;

16 (6) The department's progress toward establishing and
17 maintaining a complaint file and adequately addressing
18 complaints;

19 (7) The performance of the administrator, including
20 compliance with job duties;

21 (8) The department's progress toward adequate
22 accountability of state property;

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- (9) Details and justification of approved employee air travel requests and trail pay;
- (10) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other governmental or qualified non-governmental entities of the powers and duties of the department and any other state agency over Kalaupapa Settlement; and
- (11) Details including efforts of engagement by the department with Molokai community groups, including the addition of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa and a non-governmental organization from the non-peninsular area of Molokai to be selected by the department in consultation with the non-peninsular area of the Molokai community.

(b) Annual reporting shall continue until the earlier of
year in which the passing of the last patient resident
rs or Kalaupapa settlement is no longer under the
sdition and control of the department of health."

19 SECTION 8. Section 326-1.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 repealed.

21 ["§326-1.3] Liberty, autonomy, and dignity of patient
22 residents. (a) In recognition of the disruptions and hardships

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1 experienced over the course of their lives by former Hansen's
2 disease patients residing at Kalaupapa, the legislature declares
3 its intent to ensure that all residents at Kalaupapa are treated
4 with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity and that the
5 protections extended by this chapter to the patient residents at
6 Kalaupapa are honored and upheld by the department of health to
7 the extent possible within their purview.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
9 department of health shall promote and protect the personal
10 liberty, autonomy, and dignity of all patient residents at
11 Kalaupapa.]

12 SECTION 9. Section 326-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 ["**§326-2 Equal treatment of patients.** Every Hansen's
15 disease sufferer at Hale Mohalu and Kalaupapa shall be accorded
16 as nearly equal care and privileges as is practicable under the
17 different operating conditions of the two institutions.]

18 SECTION 10. Section 326-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 repealed.

20 ["**§326-11 Voluntary transfer to and from Kalaupapa.** Any
21 person undergoing treatment and receiving care for Hansen's
22 disease at Hale Mohalu on June 30, 1969, may be transferred to

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1 Kalaupapa for care and treatment if the person desires. Any
2 person who may undergo treatment and receive care for Hansen's
3 disease at Hale Mohalu after June 30, 1969, may apply to the
4 director of health for transfer to Kalaupapa. Any person
5 undergoing treatment and receiving care for Hansen's disease at
6 Kalaupapa may be transferred to Hale Mohalu for care and
7 treatment if the person desires. A person transferred may be
8 retransferred to Kalaupapa if the person desires."]

9 SECTION 11. Section 326-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 repealed.

11 ["§326-21 **Employment of patients.** At any facility for the
12 care and treatment of persons with Hansen's disease, the
13 department of health, with the consent of a patient, may employ
14 that patient to perform labor or service.

15 When there are vacancies in positions, classified under
16 chapter 76, at a facility exclusively for the care and treatment
17 of persons with Hansen's disease, employment preference shall be
18 given to temporary release patients and discharged patients from
19 these facilities provided that the persons so hired shall be
20 otherwise qualified under chapter 76.

21 Discharged patients who have been employed prior to
22 December 30, 1960, under chapter 76 in accordance with the

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1 second paragraph of this section shall be eligible to receive
2 the same rights and privileges as those enjoyed by temporary
3 release patients employed under the second paragraph of this
4 section."]

5 SECTION 12. Section 326-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 repealed.

7 ["~~§326-22 Compensation of patient employees.~~ The
8 compensation for patients employed under section 326-21 shall be
9 set by the department of health; provided that in no case shall
10 the compensation be less than the minimum wage as established by
11 section 387-2.

12 Each patient employee of the department shall be entitled
13 to and granted sick leave with pay and a vacation with pay each
14 calendar year, each calculated at the following rate:

15 For patients working six hours a day, one and one half days
16 for each month of service;

17 For patients working five hours a day, one and one quarter
18 days for each month of service;

19 For patients working four hours a day, one day for each
20 month of service.

21 A month of service is defined as eighty or more hours of
22 work which may be accumulated over any period of time to total

1 ~~eighty hours. No more than twelve months of service may be~~
2 ~~earned and credited in any calendar year, even if the total~~
3 ~~number of hours worked should exceed nine hundred sixty hours."~~]

4 SECTION 13. Section 326-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 repealed.

6 ~~["§326-23 Pensions for patient employees at facilities.~~

7 ~~(a) All patient employees or patient laborers at every facility~~
8 ~~maintained for the treatment and care of persons with Hansen's~~
9 ~~disease shall be entitled, upon retirement after twenty years or~~
10 ~~more service with the department of health, to a pension in an~~
11 ~~amount which shall be equal to sixty six and two thirds per cent~~
12 ~~of the monthly wage or salary which the patient was receiving at~~
13 ~~the time of retirement, or to a pension in an amount which shall~~
14 ~~be equal to sixty six and two thirds per cent of the average~~
15 ~~monthly wage or salary which the patient employee was receiving~~
16 ~~during the last twelve months of employment at the department of~~
17 ~~health, whichever is higher. For the period from July 1, 2007,~~
18 ~~to June 30, 2008, the pension amounts shall be adjusted as~~
19 ~~follows:~~

20 ~~(1) Retired patient employees receiving less than \$4,000~~
21 ~~annually shall be granted a five per cent increase;~~

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1 them under this section. Furthermore, notwithstanding any other
2 law relating to this subject, that reemployment shall not result
3 in suspension or termination of payment of the pension granted
4 originally or serve to increase, decrease, or alter the pension
5 in any way."]

6 SECTION 14. Section 326-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed:

8 ["§326-26 Persons allowed at places for Hansen's disease
9 patients. (a) No person, not having Hansen's disease, shall be
10 allowed to visit or remain upon any land, place, or inclosure
11 set apart by the department of health for the domiciles and
12 community facilities of persons affected with Hansen's disease,
13 without the written permission of the director of health, or
14 some officer authorized thereto by the department, under any
15 circumstances whatever, and any person found upon such land,
16 place, or inclosure without a written permission shall be fined
17 not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for such offense; provided
18 that any patient resident of Kalaupapa desiring to remain at the
19 facility shall be permitted to do so for as long as the person
20 may choose, regardless of whether the person has been
21 successfully treated.

7 SECTION 15. Section 326-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 repealed.

9 ["§326-27 Kalaupapa store; loans for operation and
10 maintenance. (a) All moneys to enable the department of health
11 to operate and maintain the Kalaupapa store, situated in
12 Kalaupapa, Molokai, shall be allocated by the legislature
13 through appropriations out of the state general fund.

14 (b) The department shall include in its budgetary request
15 for each upcoming fiscal period, the amounts necessary to
16 effectuate the purposes of this section.

17 (c) All moneys received in reimbursement of payments made
18 under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the state
19 general fund."]

20 SECTION 16. Section 326-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 repealed.

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1 ["~~§326-28 Kalaupapa store prices; penalty.~~ It shall be
2 unlawful for the department of health or its agents to sell or
3 offer for sale any merchandise at the Kalaupapa store at prices
4 exceeding the actual cost thereof, free on board steamer or any
5 other means of transportation at Honolulu. Any person violating
6 this section shall be fined \$25 and in addition thereto shall,
7 in the discretion of the department, be subject to removal from
8 office."]

9 SECTION 17. Section 326-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 repealed.

11 ["~~§326-29 Fishing laws exemption; Kalaupapa.~~
12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, state laws
13 on fishing shall not be applicable to Hansen's disease patients
14 of Kalaupapa, provided the patients engage in fishing along the
15 shorelines and in waters immediately adjacent to the county of
16 Kalawao.

17 No fish or other marine products obtained by patients may
18 be sold outside of the county of Kalawao.

19 The department of health shall adopt rules pursuant to
20 chapter 91 necessary to control all fishing and acquisition of
21 marine products by Hansen's disease patients."]

1 SECTION 18. Section 326-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§326-30 Making or taking of pictures without permission~~
4 ~~prohibited.~~ (a) ~~No person shall photograph, film, or videotape~~
5 ~~any patient at any facility maintained by the department of~~
6 ~~health for the care and treatment of persons with Hansen's~~
7 ~~disease, without the written permission of the patient.~~

8 ~~(b) Any person violating this section shall be fined not~~
9 ~~more than \$1,000 per incident."]~~

10 SECTION 19. Section 326-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 repealed.

12 ~~["§326-34 County of Kalawao; governance.~~ (a) ~~The county~~
13 ~~of Kalawao shall consist of that portion of the island of~~
14 ~~Molokai known as Kalaupapa, Kalawao, and Waikolu, and commonly~~
15 ~~known or designated as the Kalaupapa Settlement, and shall not~~
16 ~~be or form a portion of the county of Maui, but is constituted a~~
17 ~~county by itself. As a county it shall have only the powers~~
18 ~~especially conferred and given by sections 326-34 to 326-38 and,~~
19 ~~except as provided in those sections, none of the provisions of~~
20 ~~the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding counties shall be deemed~~
21 ~~to refer to or shall be applicable to the county of Kalawao.~~

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1 (b) The county of Kalawao shall be under the jurisdiction
2 and control of the department of health and be governed by the
3 laws, and rules relating to the department and the care and
4 treatment of persons affected with Hansen's disease, except as
5 otherwise provided by law.]

6 SECTION 20. Section 326-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 repealed.

8 ["§326-35 Sheriff, appointment, removal. There shall be
9 no county officer in the county other than a sheriff, who shall
10 be a patient resident of and be appointed in the county by the
11 department of health and who shall hold office at the pleasure
12 of the department or until a successor is appointed by the
13 department. When a qualified patient resident is not available,
14 the department may appoint a staff employee or other qualified
15 person to serve as sheriff."]

16 SECTION 21. Section 326-36, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 repealed.

18 ["§326-36 Sheriff, salary. The salary of the sheriff
19 shall be fixed and paid by the department of health out of the
20 appropriation allowed by the legislature for the care and
21 treatment of persons affected with Hansen's disease."]

1 SECTION 22. Section 326-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§326-37 Sheriff, duties. The sheriff of the county of~~
4 ~~Kalawao shall preserve the public peace and shall arrest and~~
5 ~~take before the district judge for examination all persons who~~
6 ~~attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense and~~
7 ~~prosecute the same to the best of the sheriff's ability."]~~

8 SECTION 23. Section 326-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 repealed.

10 ~~["§326-38 Sheriff, powers. The sheriff may appoint and~~
11 ~~dismiss and reappoint as many police officers as may be~~
12 ~~authorized by the department of health for the county. Patient~~
13 ~~residents, for the services rendered as police officers, shall~~
14 ~~receive pay as the department determines and which pay shall be~~
15 ~~taken out of and from the appropriation made by the legislature~~
16 ~~for the care and treatment of persons affected with Hansen's~~
17 ~~disease. The sheriff shall have other powers and duties within~~
18 ~~the county of Kalawao and appropriate thereto as are prescribed~~
19 ~~by law for the chiefs of police or police officers of the~~
20 ~~several counties respectively."]~~

21 SECTION 24. Section 326-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 repealed.

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1 ["§326-40 Kalaupapa; policy on residency. The legislature
2 finds that Hawaii's Hansen's disease victims have in many ways
3 symbolized the plight of those afflicted with this disease
4 throughout the world. Their sufferings and social deprivations
5 helped eventually to bring the story of the disease and an
6 understanding of its health ravages to people everywhere. Those
7 patients who settled in Kalaupapa remain a living memorial to a
8 long history of tragic separation, readjustment, and endurance.

9 It is the policy of the State that the patient residents of
10 Kalaupapa shall be accorded adequate health care and other
11 services for the remainder of their lives. Furthermore, it is
12 the policy of the State that any patient resident of Kalaupapa
13 desiring to remain at the facility shall be permitted to do so
14 for as long as that patient may choose, regardless of whether or
15 not the patient has been successfully treated. A patient
16 resident of Kalaupapa desiring to take leave may do so without
17 loss of financial allowance or coverage of health care costs
18 given those who remain at Kalaupapa. "]

PART III

20 SECTION 25. Upon the passing of the last full- or part-
21 time patient resident of Kalaupapa, the governor shall issue a
22 proclamation to affirm the date of passing. The governor shall

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1 also immediately deliver a copy of the proclamation to the
2 revisor of statutes.

3 For purposes of this Act, "full- or part-time patient
4 resident of Kalaupapa" means a person who was institutionalized
5 for segregation by order of the department of health because of
6 Hansen's disease and who chose to remain at Kalaupapa or Hale
7 Mohalu after June 30, 1969.

8 SECTION 26. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 27. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11 provided that part II of this Act shall take effect on the one-
12 year anniversary of the passing of the last full- or part-time
13 patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the governor's
14 proclamation, as described in section 25 of this Act.

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16 INTRODUCED BY: Naka K. Naka

17 BY REQUEST
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Report Title:

DOH; Kalaupapa State Historical Area; Hansen's Disease; Expenses; Rules; Annual Report; Transfer to the County of Maui

Description:

Establishes the Kalaupapa State Historical Area. Authorizes the Department of Health to continue providing services statewide to Hansen's disease patients living in the community. Repeals sections of chapter 326, Hawaii Revised Statutes, upon the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the Governor's proclamation.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONCERNING PATIENTS, THE COUNTY OF KALAWAO, AND THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.

PURPOSE: To establish the Kalaupapa State Historical Area; authorize the Department of Health to continue providing services statewide to Hansen's disease patients living in the community; and, after the passing of the last patient resident, to dissolve the County of Kalawao, authorize its absorption into the County of Maui, and repeal various powers of the Department of Health.

MEANS: Add a new section to part II of chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); add a new section to chapter 326, HRS; amend sections 326-1, 326-13, 326-24; 326-25.5; repeal sections 326-1.3; 326-2, 326-11, 326-21, 326-22, 326-23, 325-26, 326-27, 326-28, 326-29, 326-30, 326-34, 326-35, 326-36, 326-37, 326-38, and 326-40, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: There are currently seven individuals on the Kalaupapa Registry who receive services from the state. Four of them are full-time residents at Kalaupapa. All of these patients are age eighty-three years or older.

The County of Kalawao, in which the Kalaupapa Settlement is located, is under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of Health. This bill is needed because the Department's jurisdiction and control must be repealed after the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa.

Impact on the public: None. The Department's duties and responsibilities extend only to the patients at Kalaupapa Settlement and not the public at large.

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Impact on the department and other agencies:

If the county of Maui absorbs the county of Kalawao, new ordinances are required to extend the county of Maui's political authority to govern the former county of Kalawao. There may also be a fiscal impact to the county of Maui to provide county services.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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DESIGNATION: HTH 100.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: County of Maui, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the U.S. National Park Service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval and on the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the Governor's proclamation.