## Entire Hawaii County Designated as Medically Underserved Area

Hawaii County, as a whole, has a federal designation as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and Medically Underserved Population<sup>13</sup>.

Figure 21 Location of Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area and/or Population State of Hawaii 2009 Medcially Underserved Area / Population Not - Medically Underserved Area / Population There are guidelines to determine if a place is a medically underserved area or population area based on the Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) variables. The IMU involves four variables: - ratio of primary medical care - physicians per 1,000 population, - infant mortality rate, - percentage of the population with incomes below the poverty level, and - percentage of the population age 65 or over. Source: State of Hawaii Primary Care Needs Assessment Databook 2009 Prepared by North Hawaii Outcomes Project - March 2010