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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELDER CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. On July 1, 1999, the executive office on aging  
2           launched kupuna care, a statewide long-term care program  
3           developed in partnership with the county area agencies on aging  
4           to address the increasing number of elders needing long-term  
5           care. The kupuna care program has been one of the most cost  
6           effective programs delivering vital services to our elders.  
7           However, all four county offices of aging have reported an  
8           inability to provide adequate services to their needy elderly  
9           due to insufficient funding of their kupuna care programs. As  
10          of June 30, 2008, there were two hundred forty-two persons on  
11          the waitlist to receive kupuna care services in all the  
12          counties. The legislature finds that it is important to  
13          maintain critical elder services and programs in the State, like  
14          kupuna care.

15                The purpose of this Act is to effectuate the findings of  
16          the joint legislative committee on aging in place and to



1 maintain the levels of kupuna care service provided statewide in  
2 fiscal year 2007-2008.

3 SECTION 2. The executive office on aging shall cooperate  
4 with the county offices of aging to develop:

- 5 (1) A plan to increase voluntary contributions to support
- 6 the cost of kupuna care programs;
- 7 (2) Procedures for managing the waitlist for kupuna care
- 8 service; and
- 9 (3) Policies for applying a cash and counseling approach
- 10 to service delivery.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so  
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
 14 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 15 year 2010-2011 for the purposes of maintaining kupuna care  
 16 service at the level of service provided statewide in fiscal  
 17 year 2007-2008.

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

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Kupuna Care; Cash and Counseling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requests the executive office on aging to cooperate with county offices of aging to develop a plan to increase voluntary contributions, procedures for managing waitlists, and policies for implementing a cash and counseling model for service delivery. Makes an appropriation for the kupuna care program.

