

JAN 23 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The delivery of long-term care in Hawaii has
2 characteristically been uncoordinated, making it difficult for
3 consumers to obtain information about long-term care options and
4 services. This lack of coordination between different programs
5 has resulted in inconsistent eligibility requirements, funding
6 mandates, care benefits, provider participation regulations,
7 administrative structures, and service delivery mechanisms.
8 Consequently, it is difficult to establish a comprehensive
9 continuum of long-term care (ranging from nursing homes to home
10 and community-based services) for the elderly and the disabled.

11 In 2005, Hawaii was selected to receive a grant from the
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop
13 an aging and disability resource center program. The grant is
14 intended to help Hawaii develop "one-stop shop" programs at the
15 community level that can serve as the entry point to the
16 long-term services and support system. The vision is to have
17 resource centers in every community serving as highly visible



1 and trusted places where people can turn for information on the
2 full range of long-term care support options, and with a
3 streamlined process for screening, intake, assessment, and
4 eligibility determination. Long-term care support refers to a
5 wide range of in-home, community-based, and institutional
6 services and programs that are designed to help individuals with
7 disabilities.

8 The executive office on aging, in partnership with the
9 Hawaii county office of aging, established Kahi Malama - the
10 State's first aging and disability resource center pilot site -
11 in Hawaii county. The project received additional funding from
12 the Hawaii county council, with support from the Hawaii county
13 mayor, to enable the project to lease a facility in Hilo. The
14 Hawaii county office of aging shares this centralized facility
15 with other aging and disability service providers, including the
16 department of human services, the Arc of Hilo, Services for
17 Seniors, and the Legal Aid Society.

18 The city and county of Honolulu elderly affairs division,
19 the second pilot site, will begin as a virtual model. A
20 comprehensive resource website is being developed in conjunction
21 with the Kauai county agency on elderly affairs and an
22 information technology and website development team. The



1 website enhances the counties' current telephone hotline
2 information and assistance program. The website is expected to
3 launch in spring 2009, and the new template will be available to
4 all counties. Future expansion plans include establishing
5 satellite physical sites in Oahu's north shore and leeward
6 communities, a site in the Hamakua district of Hawaii county,
7 and sites in Kauai and Maui counties. The estimated cost for
8 these activities is \$575,000 for the next fiscal year and a
9 slightly smaller amount for the following fiscal year.

10 The purpose of this Act is to support the aging and
11 disability resource center program by appropriating funds to
12 supplement its development statewide.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
16 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
17 for fiscal year 2010-2011 to supplement the development of the
18 aging and disability resource center program as follows:

19 (1) Provide start-up funds for two new pilot sites for
20 Maui and Kauai, and continue the coordination of
21 Hawaii and Honolulu counties, which have also
22 initiated plans for additional satellite sites on



1 their respective islands. This includes aging and
2 disability resource center staff positions for each
3 county pilot site for project coordination and
4 management, and administrative support;

5 (2) Purchase additional management information system
6 products and expand telephone systems. This includes
7 software licensing renewals, server clusters,
8 installation, staff training, computer hardware,
9 technical support, and consultation for website and
10 management information system maintenance and
11 enhancements;

12 (3) Coordinate and implement the aging and disability
13 resource center consumer education and outreach
14 campaigns. This includes outreach coordination, the
15 production and printing of aging and disability
16 resource center brochures and printed materials,
17 posters, media advertisements (print, television, and
18 radio), presentations and exhibits at senior and
19 disability events or focal centers, bilingual
20 translation, and other promotional activities that
21 will educate consumers and the public about aging and
22 disability resource center services; and



1 (4) Continue the state-level coordination and evaluation
 2 activities of the project. This includes
 3 appropriation for the positions of project
 4 coordinator, project evaluator consultant, and
 5 research assistant, and administrative support.

6 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
 7 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Aging; Long-Term Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to assist with the development of the aging and disability resource center program.

