

1 (3) Engaging seniors in community activities, encouraging
2 healthy aging, and assisting older adults living with
3 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

4 PART II

5 SECTION 2. According to the executive office on aging, the
6 elderly population in Hawaii is one of the fastest growing
7 segments of the population in the country. Between 1990 and
8 2000, the number of persons aged sixty and older increased by
9 nineteen per cent, compared to a nationwide increase of nine per
10 cent. Studies conducted by the executive office on aging and
11 the four county agencies on aging have indicated that the
12 elderly in Hawaii have a significant need for assistance in
13 various areas and this need is outpacing the ability to provide
14 assistance. Significant issues that arise with elderly people
15 include health status, changes in family structure (caregivers),
16 social security stability for the future, fear of health care
17 burdens (financial stability), and changes in public
18 responsibility. Case management and needs assessments of older
19 adults are required to develop programs and services that meet
20 the needs of the elderly. As Hawaii's culture and values
21 revolve around the family, caregiving of the elderly in Hawaii



1 is often provided by family members, which poses financial
2 hardships for family members. Financial stability and burden
3 are the main issues for the elderly and their caregivers and
4 families. Long-term care services are expensive and the high
5 cost of services may lead to changes in living arrangements and
6 family households, especially in Hawaii.

7 The State's kupuna care program (kupuna care) was
8 established in 1999 to address the needs of the aging population
9 and the issues arising from those needs. The program is home-
10 and community-based, designed to address the increasing need for
11 affordable long-term care and the desire of the elderly to age
12 in place. The program provides funding for services to
13 populations who are not eligible for medicaid, but cannot afford
14 services or insurance on their own. The program has no
15 financial eligibility criteria and services are free to clients,
16 although clients are asked to make voluntary donations to the
17 service provider. The kupuna care program is an alternative to
18 traditional long-term care options and fills an important gap in
19 assistance for the elderly in Hawaii.



1 The purpose of this part is to statutorily establish the
2 kupuna care program within the executive office on aging and
3 appropriate funds for the program.

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§349- Kupuna care program. (a) There is established
8 the kupuna care program within the executive office on aging.
9 The kupuna care program shall provide affordable and quality
10 home- and community-based services that are person-centered and
11 consumer-directed for adults that are sixty years of age and
12 older and family caregivers.

13 (b) The kupuna care program shall be available in every
14 county as a function of the aging and disability resource
15 centers.

16 (c) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
17 requires:

18 "Aging and disability resource centers" means an entity
19 established by the State as part of the state system of long-
20 term care, serving as a highly visible and trusted source, where
21 people of all incomes and ages can get information on the full



1 range of long-term support options, and a single point of entry
2 for access to public long-term support programs and benefits.

3 "Family caregivers" means a spouse, adult child, other
4 relative, partner, or friend who has a personal relationship
5 with, and provides a broad range of unpaid assistance for, an
6 older adult with a chronic or disabling condition.

7 (d) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
8 necessary for the purposes of this section."

9 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
12 kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated shall be
13 in addition to the executive office on aging's base budget.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 health for the purposes of this part.

16 **PART III**

17 SECTION 5. The legislature finds that multi-service senior
18 centers offer a wide selection of daily events and activities,
19 classes, intergenerational opportunities, computer education,
20 cultural activities, fitness and health programs, and social
21 services for Hawaii's older adults. Senior centers are a venue



1 for older adults to socialize in a safe and healthy environment,
2 thus enabling participants to remain active and engaged in the
3 community.

4 Another opportunity to engage seniors is through health
5 promotion activities. Hawaii's healthy aging partnership
6 program is a statewide coalition established in 2003 to improve
7 the well-being of older adults by adapting evidence-based health
8 promotion programs to the State's multi-cultural population.

9 Hawaii's elderly commonly battle Alzheimer's disease and
10 related dementia. Six out of ten people with Alzheimer's
11 disease and related dementia will wander during the course of
12 their illness. Wandering can be dangerous and sometimes fatal,
13 and causes stress among caregivers and family members.

14 The legislature finds that there are registration services
15 through which individuals who wander can be more easily located,
16 identified, and returned safely to their families. These
17 services also aid police and other first responders to secure
18 the safe return of the elderly who are found but who cannot
19 remember essential contact information.

20 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for the
21 following:



- 1 (1) The healthy aging partnership program;
- 2 (2) Senior centers; and
- 3 (3) The support and promotion of elder registration
- 4 services.

5 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
 8 the healthy aging partnership program of the department of
 9 health's executive office on aging

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 11 health for the purposes of this part.

12 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide
 15 funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
 16 Statutes, for senior centers and to be distributed as follows:

- 17 (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the
- 18 Lanakila multi-purpose senior center \$
- 19 (2) Moiliili Community Center for the
- 20 Moiliili senior center \$
- 21 (3) Waikiki Community Center \$



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this part.

3 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a
6 grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the
7 Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, to:

8 (1) Establish a wanderer's registration service to protect
9 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related
10 dementia;

11 (2) Conduct targeted outreach throughout the State to
12 increase enrollment in the national wanderer's
13 registry and offer scholarships and subsidies to low-
14 income families, as defined by the United States
15 Department of Health and Human Services' 2011 poverty
16 guidelines for Hawaii, who want to enroll in the
17 registry;

18 (3) Conduct annual training for first responders and other
19 community members to increase awareness and provide
20 ongoing education on best practices for search and
21 rescue efforts for people with dementia; and

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Description:

Statutorily establishes the kupuna care program. Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program, healthy aging partnership program, senior centers, and elder registration services. (SD2)

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