
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

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PART I

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SECTION 1. The legislature finds that falls and fall-

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related injuries among the elderly impact individuals, families,

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the community, and the State's health care system. Fall

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prevention is a major concern for the safety and well-being of

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the State's elderly residents, the fastest-growing segment of

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Hawaii's population.

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Among the elderly in Hawaii, falls are the leading cause of

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fatal injuries (an average of forty-four per cent) and injury-

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related hospitalizations (an average of eighty-three per cent).

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On average, every five hours in Hawaii an elderly person is

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injured so severely in a fall that hospitalization is necessary.

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Falls among Hawaii's elderly also result in a yearly average of

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eighty-two deaths and nearly one thousand eight hundred

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hospitalizations.

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The legislature further finds that hospital costs

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associated with fall-related injuries average over \$65,000,000 a

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year. This total does not include the additional significant



1 costs associated with skilled nursing care and rehabilitation.
2 Among Hawaii seniors hospitalized for a fall, forty-three per
3 cent are discharged to skilled nursing facilities for additional
4 care, and twelve per cent are moved to rehabilitation
5 facilities.

6 The legislature additionally finds that access to fall
7 prevention services and programs would significantly reduce
8 these costs. In addition, the early detection of fall
9 occurrences would reduce both costs and suffering by expediting
10 treatment, minimizing serious long-term consequences, reducing
11 the extent of the injury, and in some instances, avoiding death.

12 Falls among the elderly are a significant public health
13 issue. Yet, currently, there are insufficient resources to
14 develop a coordinated statewide approach to reduce and promptly
15 detect falls among the elderly. The legislature therefore finds
16 that the department of health's emergency medical services and
17 injury prevention system branch should be permitted to establish
18 and maintain a program dedicated to fall prevention and early
19 detection for the elderly. This program shall serve as a focal
20 point for statewide injury prevention and detection efforts to
21 ensure multidisciplinary support, coordination of prevention and



1 detection efforts, and continuity of implementation and
2 accountability.

3 The purpose of this part is to establish a fall prevention
4 and early detection coordinator within the emergency medical
5 services and injury prevention system branch to coordinate the
6 provision of public and private fall prevention and early
7 detection services.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 **"§321- Fall prevention and early detection coordinator.**
12 There is established within the emergency medical services and
13 injury prevention system branch a fall prevention and early
14 detection coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and
15 private fall prevention and early detection services."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the trauma system
17 special fund the sum of \$78,555 or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to establish and fill one
19 full-time equivalent fall prevention and early detection
20 coordinator position.

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



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PART II

SECTION 4. Section 349-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~[†]§349-3.2[†]~~ **Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator.** There is established within the executive office on aging an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. ~~[The coordinator shall be appointed by the director in accordance with chapters 76 and 89.]~~"

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$70,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

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

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the executive office on aging.

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

3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,900,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
6 aging and disability resource center.

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

9 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$335,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to provide
12 funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, for senior centers and to be distributed as follows:

- 14 (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the
- 15 Lanakila multi-purpose senior center \$185,000;
- 16 (2) Kapahulu Center \$40,000;
- 17 (3) Moiliili Community Center for the
- 18 Moiliili senior center \$50,000; and
- 19 (4) Waikiki Community Center \$60,000.

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



1 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$476,772 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
4 healthy aging partnership program of the department of health's
5 executive office on aging.

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

8 **PART III**

9 SECTION 10. The legislature finds that Americans with
10 multiple, chronic health conditions and increased rates of
11 disability in old age are living longer now than in the past.
12 Furthermore, the aging of the population in Hawaii guarantees
13 that there will be a greater need for long-term care in the
14 future. Between 2007 and 2030, the population aged eighty-five
15 and older, which has the greatest need for long-term care, will
16 increase by almost two-thirds.

17 The legislature further finds that many people in Hawaii
18 have limited knowledge on long-term care issues, and some of
19 what they know may be incorrect. For example, although long-
20 term care is not covered by medicare or regular private health
21 insurance, a 2011 survey of Hawaii members of the Association of
22 American Retired Persons found that twenty-nine per cent of



1 respondents said they expected medicare to pay for their long-
2 term care if needed.

3 The legislature additionally finds that unless people have
4 basic information about long-term care, including the different
5 types and providers of long-term care services, the statistical
6 risk of needing long-term care, and the cost of long-term care,
7 they are unlikely to be motivated to establish long-term care
8 plans or pay significant amounts of money for long-term care
9 insurance.

10 The legislature also finds that a long-term care education
11 and awareness campaign will educate people about their risks of
12 needing long-term care and motivate people to begin planning for
13 their potential long-term care needs.

14 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to the
15 executive office on aging of the department of health to
16 administer a public education and awareness campaign on long-
17 term care and obtain an independent evaluation of the campaign.

18 SECTION 11. (a) The department of health's executive
19 office on aging shall conduct a long-term care education and
20 awareness campaign.

21 (b) The campaign goals shall include:



- 1 (1) Informing the public on the likelihood of needing
2 long-term care at some point in life;
- 3 (2) Educating the public on the risks of not planning for
4 long-term care and maximizing the length of
5 independent living;
- 6 (3) Building awareness that long-term care is not covered
7 by medicare or regular private health insurance;
- 8 (4) Educating the public about the cost of long-term care,
9 including the limits of medicaid eligibility and
10 benefits;
- 11 (5) Informing the public on the value and availability of
12 current financing and delivery options to obtain long-
13 term care; and
- 14 (6) Providing the public with resources to navigate the
15 complexities of planning for long-term care and the
16 agencies that provide these services.
- 17 (c) The executive office on aging may develop a public-
18 private partnership to fund and administer the campaign and may
19 invite broad participation from multiple interested stakeholders
20 in the State.
- 21 (d) The director of the executive office on aging shall
22 have the campaign independently evaluated for its effectiveness.



1 (e) The director of the executive office on aging shall
 2 submit the report of the evaluation's findings and
 3 recommendations, if any, to the legislature no later than twenty
 4 days prior to the convening of the 2017 regular session.

5 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 8 executive office on aging of the department of health to conduct
 9 an education and awareness campaign on long-term care and to
 10 have an independent evaluation performed on the campaign.

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

PART IV

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 14 SECTION 13. (a) The executive office on aging shall
 15 establish one full-time equivalent permanent prevention of elder
 16 abuse and fraud position.

17 (b) The prevention of elder abuse and fraud position
 18 shall:

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1 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
 4 the establishment and hiring of one full-time equivalent
 5 permanent prevention of elder abuse and fraud position.

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

8 PART V

9 SECTION 15. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
 12 awareness and education of elder abuse, neglect, and fraud.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 14 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this part.

15 PART VI

16 SECTION 16. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 17. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Kupuna Caucus; Long-term Care; Education and Awareness; Appropriation; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services; Prevention of Elder Abuse and Fraud; Executive Office on Aging

Description:

Part I: Establishes a fall prevention and early detection coordinator within Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. Appropriates funds. Part II: Removes hiring requirement by director of health in accordance to chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for various kupuna, aging, disability, and senior center programs. Part III: Requires the executive office on aging of the department of health to conduct an education and awareness campaign on long-term care and have the campaign independently evaluated. Appropriates funds. Part IV: Establishes and appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent permanent prevention of elder abuse and fraud position under the executive office on aging. Part V: Appropriates funds for awareness and education of elder abuse, neglect, and fraud.

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