
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the kupuna care
3 program was enacted in 1999 to address the needs of Hawaii's
4 aging population and the issues arising from those needs. The
5 kupuna care program is considered to be an alternative to
6 traditional long-term care options. The goal of kupuna care is
7 to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and
8 dignified lives in their own homes and communities. The
9 legislature further finds that the kupuna care program provides
10 access to affordable and quality home- and community-based
11 services, including hot meals, transportation, case management,
12 and personal care assistance. Services offered by the kupuna
13 care program provide a safety net for all kupuna and their
14 caregivers.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
18 the kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated



1 shall be in addition to the base budget of the executive office
2 on aging.

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

5 PART II

6 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that aging and disability
7 resource centers help older adults, individuals with
8 disabilities, and family caregivers find options for long-term
9 supports and services available to them in the State. The aging
10 and disability resource centers utilize a person-centered
11 process intended to navigate and streamline access to supports
12 and services. The legislature additionally finds that proper
13 funding for the aging and disability resource centers is
14 essential to ensure that these centers provide effective single
15 points of entry for individuals seeking information about
16 appropriate long-term care options. Ensuring the availability
17 of services once a consumer receives a referral, such as those
18 offered through the kupuna care program, is also critical to the
19 success of the aging and disability resource centers.

20 Furthermore, aging and disability resource centers are
21 operated by the area agencies on aging in each county. The



1 executive office on aging is responsible to ensure that
2 referrals and services are provided in a prompt and responsive
3 manner and that the aging and disability resource centers staff
4 have the appropriate skills and training to respond to kupuna
5 and caregivers' needs.

6 SECTION 4. The executive office on aging shall develop a
7 system of evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the aging
8 and disability resource centers in each county to ensure
9 alignment with federal guidance on the criteria for a full-
10 functioning aging and disability resource center. Measures
11 shall include, but not be limited to: timeliness of response by
12 the aging and disability resource center; caller satisfaction;
13 and number and percentage of kupuna and caregivers who are
14 linked to a service or resource as a result of contact with an
15 aging and disability resource center. The executive office on
16 aging shall submit a report of its evaluation findings to the
17 legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of
18 the regular session of 2017.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
2 the aging and disability resource centers.

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

5 PART III

6 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
9 the long-term care ombudsman program to establish three full-
10 time equivalent (3.0 FTE) staff positions to monitor the quality
11 of long-term care in the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii;
12 provided that one position shall serve the county of Kauai, one
13 position shall serve the county of Maui, and one position shall
14 serve the county of Hawaii.

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

17 PART IV

18 SECTION 7. The legislature finds that every year in
19 Hawaii, on average eighty-five seniors die, 1,960 are
20 hospitalized, and 8,700 are treated in emergency departments as
21 a result of falls. Falls among the elderly also result in



1 almost \$1,200,000 in hospital and physician charges. In
2 recognition of this critical public health issue, Act 153,
3 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established a fall prevention and
4 early detection services coordinator position within the
5 department of health's emergency medical services and injury
6 prevention system branch. This position enables the department
7 of health to support a coordinated statewide approach to prevent
8 and reduce the impact of falls among older adults. Act 153
9 funded a new position for a fall prevention and early detection
10 coordinator for fiscal year 2014 to 2015.

11 The legislature further finds that access to fall
12 prevention services and programs would significantly reduce
13 costs associated with falls in the elderly by expediting
14 treatment, minimizing serious long-term consequences, reducing
15 the extent of the injury, and in some instances, avoiding death.

16 Falls among the elderly are a significant public health
17 issue. Yet, currently, there are insufficient resources to
18 develop a coordinated statewide approach to reduce and promptly
19 detect falls among the elderly. The program serves 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 assure a continued focus on
4 fall prevention in Hawaii, which will ultimately result in
5 longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

6 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
9 fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly.

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

12 PART V

13 SECTION 9. The legislature finds that the Hawaii healthy
14 aging partnership program was established in 2003 to improve the
15 health status of older adults by empowering residents to make
16 healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its
17 formation, the healthy aging partnership has successfully
18 adapted evidence-based health promotion programs and disease
19 prevention programs for the multicultural population in Hawaii.
20 The legislature further finds that participants who complete
21 workshops offered by the healthy aging partnership feel better,



1 are less limited by their health conditions, and often spend
2 less time at their doctor's office.

3 The legislature also finds that the healthy aging
4 partnership received the 2013 Multicultural Aging award from the
5 American Society on Aging. This award brought national
6 recognition for the healthy aging partnership's critical role in
7 improving the health of Hawaii's multiethnic elderly population.

8 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support
9 the healthy aging partnership program and its important role in
10 improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

11 SECTION 10. 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 2016-2017 for
14 the healthy aging partnership program of the department of
15 health's executive office on aging.

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

18 PART VI

19 SECTION 11. The legislature finds that the *Hawaii 2025:*
20 *State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*, published
21 by the executive office on aging, identifies goals and key



1 strategies to improve the lives of the numerous families
2 affected by the disease. The legislature further finds that
3 Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the
4 United States and that it affects twenty-six thousand Hawaii
5 residents, a number that will increase by forty per cent by the
6 year 2025. The legislature also finds that an estimated sixty-
7 five thousand unpaid caregivers in this State provide seventy-
8 four million hours of unpaid care each year.

9 With the significantly high number of individuals affected
10 by Alzheimer's disease as a person having the disease or as a
11 caregiver, and the substantial projected increase by 2025, there
12 is a need for a coordinated and prepared support system to
13 address the multitude of issues arising from addressing the
14 disease. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease*
15 *and Related Dementias* identifies strategies to address the
16 disease, the services and activities require coordination at a
17 systemic level, such as through a coordinator position.

18 The legislature further finds that the public awareness and
19 communication subcommittee of the statewide task force on
20 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia made the key
21 recommendation calling for a public awareness campaign that



1 utilizes various media sources to positively promote adults with
2 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with dignity and
3 respect and highlight caregivers as compassionate individuals
4 who champion the health and well-being of their loved ones.

5 The purpose of this part is to make an appropriation for an
6 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator
7 position and to make an appropriation for a campaign to raise
8 public awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

9 SECTION 12. 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 2016-2017 for
12 the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
13 coordinator position, which shall be exempt from the civil
14 service requirements of chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
15 until July 1, 2018.

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

18 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
21 an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness



1 campaign that will utilize various media sources to positively
2 promote adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
3 with dignity and respect and highlight caregivers as
4 compassionate individuals who champion the health and well-being
5 of their loved ones.

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

8 PART VII

9 SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2070.



Report Title:

Services and Programs for the Elderly; Kupuna Care; Aging and Disability Resource Centers; Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; Fall Prevention; Healthy Aging Partnership; Alzheimer's Disease; Dementia; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership Program, an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position, and an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to develop an evaluation system for county aging and disability resource centers. Effective 7/1/2070. (SD2)

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