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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that by 2030, Hawaii's  
2 population will be twenty-one per cent higher than it was in  
3 2000. Approximately 238,000 Hawaii residents, currently  
4 constituting 18.7 per cent of Hawaii's total population, are  
5 aged sixty or older. It is projected that by 2030, this age  
6 group will increase by 93.8 per cent and constitute more than  
7 one fourth, or 27.4 per cent, of the State's population.  
8 Further, the number of people eighty-five years and older is  
9 expected to increase by 174.7 per cent during the same period.  
10 The large aging population will have a major impact on the  
11 organization and delivery of healthcare, with a shift from acute  
12 to chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer, stroke,  
13 chronic lower respiratory diseases, mental health, cognitive  
14 impairments, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes. The majority of  
15 seniors who currently qualify for Kupuna Care services are  
16 eighty years or older. Consequently, they are among the most



1 vulnerable in society and less able to cope with delays in  
2 services.

3 The legislature also finds that county aging and disability  
4 resource centers serve as a single point of entry in every  
5 county for all persons to access information on the full range  
6 of long-term supports and services options that may apply to  
7 them.

8 There is evidence that the service network for aging  
9 populations, which is primarily a private sector delivery system  
10 with many small nonprofits, is challenged by an ever-changing  
11 marketplace. These challenges include delays in paying  
12 providers in a timely fashion, bureaucratic barriers to the  
13 ability to carry over funds, antiquated methods of transferring  
14 funds, waiting lists for those qualified to receive services,  
15 and difficulties in sharing basic information on agency  
16 websites. These barriers negatively impact the overall capacity  
17 to provide needed services. They also undermine the stability,  
18 sustainability, and effectiveness of the service delivery  
19 system, including the ability to recruit and retain a qualified  
20 workforce.



1           The legislature further finds that in order to plan for and  
2 provide a coordinated and integrated system of care, Hawaii must  
3 periodically survey, document, and analyze not only the  
4 anticipated demand for these services, but also the requirements  
5 for adequate training, workforce expansion, and financing. To  
6 accomplish this, it is essential that the various state and  
7 county agencies, providers, and stakeholder organizations  
8 collect and share the kinds of data and analyses that can guide  
9 policymaking.

10           The purpose of this Act is to improve services for the aged  
11 or disabled by ensuring:

12           (1) That state and county planning efforts share budgets,  
13 data, insights, strategies, goals, and definitions of  
14 success and recommendations; and

15           (2) The timely movement of funding and approvals to  
16 prevent delays in the delivery of services throughout  
17 the fiscal year.

18           SECTION 2. Section 349-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:



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1           "(d) The executive office on aging shall [~~co~~ordinate]:

2           (1) Coordinate the implementation of the statewide aging

3           and disability resource [~~center-~~] centers;

4           (2) Beginning no later than February 1, 2019, ensure that

5           the executive office on aging's web page includes and

6           is regularly updated with:

7           (A) Web page links to county budgets;

8           (B) Contact numbers or other contact information of

9           providers of services that may be utilized by the

10           elderly population; and

11           (C) Minutes, agendas, and plans of the committees on

12           aging of the respective counties and the State;

13           (3) Ensure the timely movement of state and federal funds

14           to service delivery organizations with no

15           administrative delays that would negatively impact or

16           delay provision of services to qualified seniors; and

17           (4) No later than February 1, 2019, ensure that state and

18           federal funds may be electronically transferred among

19           state agencies, county agencies, and contractors that

20           provide services."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Aging and Disability Resource Centers; Health; Services

**Description:**

Ensures that state and county planning efforts for the delivery of services to the aged or disabled share budgets, data, insights, strategies, goals, and definitions of success and recommendations. Reforms and improves the timely movement of funding and approvals to ensure that there are no delays in the delivery of services.

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