
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CAREGIVERS PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2017, 17.8 per
2 cent of Hawaii's population was sixty-five years or older, and
3 with projections of an increase to 19.4 per cent by 2020 and 23
4 per cent by 2030, caring for Hawaii's kupuna is a high priority
5 of the legislature.

6 The legislature finds that currently there are 154,000
7 unpaid family caregivers in Hawaii who are taking care of their
8 parents, spouse, or other relatives who need extra care. Family
9 caregivers play a crucial role in the State's health care system
10 by providing long-term care to the elderly, all unpaid.

11 However, it is imperative to ensure that the caregivers take
12 care of themselves and have the necessary support and services
13 to sustain their own health as well as the health of the family
14 member for whom they are caring.

15 To address this issue, the kupuna caregivers program was
16 established on July 6, 2017, and aims to provide working
17 caregivers with additional resources to cover a variety of



1 support services such as adult day care, assisted
2 transportation, homemaker services, and many more important
3 services to qualified kupuna. The program ensures that
4 caregivers continue earning their own retirement benefits, which
5 helps businesses retain experienced workers and provides peace
6 of mind that loved kupuna are well cared for while caregivers
7 remain in the workforce. This program allows caregivers who are
8 juggling their own employment with their caregiving
9 responsibilities to simultaneously take care of their kupuna and
10 themselves.

11 Since the establishment of the kupuna caregivers program,
12 the executive office on aging has reportedly received hundreds
13 of calls from Hawaii residents wishing to receive the benefits
14 of the program. While the creation of the program was an
15 important first step, the legislature believes that the program
16 requires additional third and fourth year funding to have the
17 impact it needs. With the high volume of residents showing
18 interest in the program, the current funding needs to be
19 increased in order to better serve the people of Hawaii.

20 The purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Require the executive office on aging to include in
- 2 its annual report to the legislature a section
- 3 detailing outcomes of the kupuna caregivers program;
- 4 (2) Require the executive office on aging to offer a plan
- 5 to maximize the number of recipients served by the
- 6 program and offer certain core services;
- 7 (3) Include additional services to be provided by the
- 8 kupuna caregivers program; and
- 9 (4) Appropriate funds for the implementation of the kupuna
- 10 caregivers program.

11 SECTION 2. Section 349-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) The planning and administrative services division
 14 shall engage in the following activities, including but not
 15 limited to:

- 16 (1) Preparation and submission of programs and budgets;
- 17 (2) Preparation of an annual evaluation report on elder
- 18 programs for the governor and legislature [7], which
- 19 shall include a section detailing outcomes of the
- 20 kupuna caregivers program, including but not limited
- 21 to:



- 1 (A) Evaluation metrics;
- 2 (B) A cost breakdown and analysis of individuals
- 3 served, by county and type of service received;
- 4 (C) Consolidated data of the existing waiting list
- 5 broken down by county; and
- 6 (D) Recommendations to support the implementation and
- 7 execution of the program;
- 8 (3) Preparation of studies and analysis;
- 9 (4) Maintenance of personnel records;
- 10 (5) Management of contracts and agreements entered into by
- 11 the executive office on aging with public and private
- 12 vendors, consultants, and suppliers;
- 13 (6) Monitoring the purchase of service agreements with
- 14 public and private agencies and rendering technical
- 15 assistance to elder program service providers; and
- 16 (7) Establishment and maintenance of reimbursement systems
- 17 for services provided by agreement with federal,
- 18 state, and county agencies, as well as private
- 19 groups."

20 SECTION 3. Section 349-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 21 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:



1 "(b) The program shall be coordinated and administered by
2 the executive office on aging and implemented through the area
3 agency on aging. The executive office on aging shall offer a
4 plan to:

5 (1) Maximize the number of participants served by the
6 program; and

7 (2) Offer the core services listed in subsection (c).

8 (c) The kupuna caregivers program shall award an
9 allocation of funds, subject to the availability of funding and
10 up to a maximum of [~~\$70~~] \$_____ per [~~day,~~] week, to cover
11 costs for [~~the following~~] services that would otherwise be
12 performed by the qualified caregiver for the care recipient[+],
13 including but not limited to:

14 (1) Activities of daily living;

15 [~~+1~~] (2) Adult day care;

16 [~~+2~~] (3) Assisted transportation;

17 [~~+3~~] (4) Chores;

18 [~~+4~~] (5) Home-delivered meals;

19 [~~+5~~] (6) Homemaker services;

20 [~~+6~~] (7) Personal care;

21 [~~+7~~] (8) Respite care; or



1 [~~8~~] (9) Transportation;
 2 provided that the daily benefit for each qualified recipient is
 3 limited to once per week; provided further that the allocated
 4 funds shall be issued directly to the service provider upon
 5 request and receipt of an invoice for services rendered."

6 SECTION 4. The executive office on aging shall submit a
 7 copy of the kupuna caregivers program plan, as required by
 8 section 349-18(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the legislature
 9 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
 10 session of 2020. In addition to the plan, the executive office
 11 on aging shall create administrative rules to implement and
 12 administer the kupuna caregivers program by January 1, 2022.

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
 16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 17 2020-2021 for proper implementation of the kupuna caregivers
 18 program.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
 20 office on aging for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2059.



Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Caregivers Program; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to: (1) establish a plan to maximize the number of program participants and offer the program's core services; (2) submit a copy of the program plan to the 2020 Legislature; and (3) establish rules to implement the program. Changes the program funding allocation cap. Includes activities of daily living under the scope of services qualified caregivers can receive program funding for. Changes the program allocation cap. Appropriates funds.
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