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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an estimated twenty-  
2 nine thousand individuals in the State suffer from Alzheimer's  
3 disease, a progressive brain disease that is the sixth leading  
4 cause of death in the nation. Alzheimer's disease affects a  
5 person's memory and eventually causes the individual to  
6 experience difficulties with speech and language skills, vision,  
7 decision making, and many other daily activities.

8           The legislature further finds that due to the nature of  
9 Alzheimer's disease, there is a high demand for in-home care,  
10 adult daycare, assisted living facilities, and care homes.  
11 Assistance for most of the daily life activities at these  
12 facilities is performed by nurse aides or nursing assistants.

13           As residents of Hawaii have the longest life expectancy of  
14 any state, the need for skilled care facilities, nursing homes,  
15 intermediate care facilities, assisted living facilities,  
16 residential care facilities, respite care, adult foster care,  
17 adult day programs, home health care, in-home care, and hospice



1 are estimated to grow as the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease  
2 increases. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
3 executive office on aging to convene a working group to:

4 (1) Review the best practices of other states as they  
5 relate to dementia training requirements in care  
6 facilities;

7 (2) Make recommendations on standards of training  
8 regarding the number of hours, learning objectives, to  
9 which staff the standards should apply, and other  
10 relevant criteria determined by the working group; and

11 (3) Make recommendations on strategies to implement the  
12 standards identified in paragraph (2).

13 SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging shall  
14 convene a working group to:

15 (1) Review the best practices of other states as they  
16 relate to dementia training requirements in care  
17 facilities;

18 (2) Make recommendations on standards of training  
19 regarding the number of hours, learning objectives, to  
20 which staff the standards should apply, and other  
21 relevant criteria determined by the working group; and



- 1           (3) Make recommendations on strategies to implement the  
2           standards identified in paragraph (2).
- 3           (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
4 members:
- 5           (1) The director of the executive office on aging, who  
6           shall serve as chairperson of the working group;
- 7           (2) The director of health, or the director's designee;
- 8           (3) The director of human services, or the director's  
9           designee;
- 10          (4) A representative of the Aloha Chapter of the  
11          Alzheimer's Association, who shall be invited by the  
12          director of the executive office on aging; and
- 13          (5) A representative of the Healthcare Association of  
14          Hawaii, who shall be invited by the director of the  
15          executive office on aging.
- 16          (c) The working group shall submit a report of its  
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
18 legislation, regarding the matters identified in section 1 of  
19 this Act to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
20 the convening of the regular session of 2021.



1 (d) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,  
2 2021.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training; Executive Office on Aging; Working Group; Kupuna Caucus

**Description:**

Requires the executive office on aging to convene a working group. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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