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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii healthy  
2 aging partnership program was established in 2003 to improve the  
3 health status of older adults by empowering residents to make  
4 healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its  
5 formation, the healthy aging partnership program has  
6 successfully adapted evidence-based health promotion programs  
7 and disease prevention programs for the multicultural population  
8 in Hawaii. Participants may engage in two evidenced-based  
9 interventions. First, better choices better health - *ke ola*  
10 *pono*, also known nationwide as the chronic disease self-  
11 management program, is an evidence-based program where  
12 individuals with chronic or ongoing medical conditions can learn  
13 how to effectively manage their health conditions to improve  
14 their quality of life. The second intervention is  
15 EnhanceFitness, which is an effective, research-driven exercise  
16 program to improve the overall functional fitness and well-being  
17 of older adults. Because of the many accomplishments of the



1 healthy aging partnership program, the program received the 2013  
2 multicultural aging award from the American Society on Aging.  
3 This accomplishment brought further recognition to the program's  
4 role in improving the health of Hawaii's diverse aging  
5 population.

6 The legislature finds that the healthy aging partnership  
7 program received funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 through Act  
8 103, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017. However, the program did not  
9 receive funding for fiscal year 2018-2019. Without adequate  
10 funding, the program will have to close and the executive office  
11 on aging will not be able to meet the first goal of the Hawaii  
12 state plan on aging, which strives to maximize opportunities for  
13 older adults to age well, remain active, and enjoy life in their  
14 communities.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
16 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's  
17 important role in improving the health and well-being of  
18 Hawaii's kupuna.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$550,000 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the



1 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's  
2 important role in improving the health and well-being of  
3 Hawaii's kupuna.

4       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive  
5 office on aging of the department of health for the purposes of  
6 this Act.

7       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Healthy Aging Partnership; Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the healthy aging partnership program to further the program's role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna. (SD2)

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