
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACTIVE AGING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's older adult
2 population is growing rapidly and at a constantly increasing
3 pace. In response, the State has addressed the needs of "old-
4 old" or "functionally frail" elders through initiatives to build
5 infrastructure of elder care, focusing principally on the
6 medically-defined needs of the frail, disabled, and dependent
7 population. Although these initiatives are vital to the health
8 and wellbeing of Hawaii's elder population, initiatives focusing
9 on the emerging "young-old" or "functionally able" population
10 will help to cultivate the State's elders as a resource and
11 community asset that can be tapped for their experience, skills,
12 talents, social networks, and time.

13 The legislature further finds that there is a paradigm
14 shift in aging policy widely acknowledged within the
15 professional field of gerontology that calls for changing the
16 view of aging from that of a pathology to that of aging as an
17 asset. As part of this paradigm shift, the perspective known as



1 active aging has emerged which emphasizes the process of
2 optimizing opportunities for health, participation in society,
3 and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.
4 The framework of active aging is still evolving, but minimally
5 advocates for avoiding disease and disability, promoting high
6 cognitive and physical function, and maintaining engagement in
7 life.

8 The legislature additionally finds that the executive
9 office on aging released a white paper in 2013 entitled *Hawai'i's*
10 *2020 Vision: The State of Active Aging*, that outlined a plan to
11 implement an active aging initiative. This white paper provides
12 a path toward a policy of active aging while the specific
13 details of the initiative are updated and finalized. Embracing
14 a policy of active aging has the potential to provide great
15 value to the health and wellbeing of Hawaii's elder population,
16 as well as communities throughout the State.

17 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 18 (1) Require the executive office on aging to coordinate
19 with the University of Hawaii center on aging to
20 implement an active aging initiative; and
21 (2) Establish an active aging advisory committee.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging shall
2 coordinate with the University of Hawaii center on aging to
3 develop and implement an active aging initiative based on
4 "Hawai'i's 2020 Vision: The State of Active Aging", released by
5 the executive office on aging in November, 2013.

6 (b) The executive office on aging and the University of
7 Hawaii center on aging shall take into account the
8 recommendations and findings of the active aging advisory
9 committee established under section 3 of this Act when
10 developing and implementing an active aging initiative.

11 (c) The executive office on aging may enter into
12 contracts, pursuant to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
13 when applicable, with public or private entities as necessary
14 for the purposes of this section.

15 SECTION 3. (a) There shall be established within the
16 executive office on aging the active aging advisory committee
17 that shall be composed of:

- 18 (1) The director of the executive office on aging, or the
19 director's designee;
- 20 (2) The director of the University of Hawaii center on
21 aging, or the director's designee;



- 1 (3) One resident of the county of Hawaii designated by the
2 Hawaii county office of aging;
- 3 (4) One resident of the city and county of Honolulu
4 designated by the city and county of Honolulu elderly
5 affairs division;
- 6 (5) One resident of the county of Kauai designated by the
7 county of Kauai agency on elderly affairs;
- 8 (6) One resident of the county of Maui designated by the
9 Maui county office on aging;
- 10 (7) Two representatives of businesses primarily focused on
11 meeting the needs of the elderly population designated
12 by the director of the executive office on aging;
- 13 (8) Two representatives of nonprofit organizations
14 primarily focused on meeting the needs of the elderly
15 population designated by the director of the executive
16 office on aging; and
- 17 (9) Two representatives of academic institutions or
18 programs primarily focused on research relating to the
19 needs of the elderly population designated by the
20 director of the University of Hawaii center on aging.



1 (b) The active aging advisory committee shall review and
2 update "Hawai'i's 2020 Vision: The State of Active Aging",
3 released by the executive office on aging in November, 2013, and
4 generate an updated document that shall include but not be
5 limited to:

- 6 (1) A section on planned active aging initiatives in
7 subsequent state plans on aging;
- 8 (2) An inventory of active aging resources to assist older
9 adults seeking guidance for employment, education,
10 volunteering and civic engagement, wellness, and
11 recreational opportunities;
- 12 (3) Identification of age-related economic opportunities
13 and training for encore careers;
- 14 (4) Establishment of a "matching service registry" to
15 gather information about needs and preferences of
16 older workers to create a centralized, region-specific
17 online resource where both sides can "match" with one
18 another;
- 19 (5) A plan for the promotion, development and expansion of
20 non-financial pre-retirement seminars to help older
21 persons find purpose, remain engaged and continue to



1 contribute to their communities that includes
2 incentives for local businesses to include such
3 seminars in their pre-retirement training;

4 (6) Curriculum plans for high schools to incorporate an
5 "aging thread" within current course offerings and for
6 community colleges and universities to teach and
7 promote gerontology courses that include an active
8 aging perspective, and incentives for those
9 institutions to implement the plans; and

10 (7) Promotion of active aging as a new economic engine by
11 showcasing Hawaii as the state of active aging via
12 tourism, training, business incubation, research, and
13 age friendly communities.

14 (c) The active aging advisory committee shall submit a
15 preliminary report on the status of the committee's work to the
16 members of the kupuna caucus no later than June 30, 2020, and
17 shall submit a final report, including the updated document
18 described in subsection (b), recommendations, and proposed
19 legislation, to the legislature no later than September 30,
20 2021.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to
 4 develop and implement the active aging initiative.

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

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Active Aging Initiative; Health; Older Adults; Executive Office on Aging; University of Hawaii Center on Aging; Kupuna Caucus; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the executive office on aging to coordinate with the University of Hawaii center on aging to implement an active aging initiative. Establishes an active aging advisory committee. Appropriates funds.

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