
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Alzheimer's disease
2 is a large and growing epidemic that has a huge impact in
3 Hawaii. More than six million Americans are currently living
4 with Alzheimer's disease, a figure expected to reach 12.7
5 million in 2050. In 2019, Alzheimer's disease was the sixth
6 leading cause of death in the United States, with deaths from
7 the disease having risen by one hundred forty-five per cent
8 between 2000 and 2019.

9 The legislature further finds that the impact of
10 Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii is projected to rise. According
11 to data from the Alzheimer's Association, twenty-nine thousand
12 people aged sixty-five and older are living with Alzheimer's
13 disease, 6.7 per cent of people aged forty-five and older have
14 subjective cognitive decline, and fifty-two thousand family
15 caregivers bear the burden of caring for someone with
16 Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii. In 2020, family members and
17 friends of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other



1 forms of dementia in the State provided eighty-three million
2 hours of care at an economic value of nearly \$1,700,000,000.

3 The legislature additionally finds that one-third of
4 recipients of home health care and adult day care have
5 Alzheimer's disease. The average per-person medicaid spending
6 for seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia
7 is twenty-three times greater than the average per-person
8 medicaid spending across all seniors without dementia. In
9 total, caring for people with Alzheimer's disease generated an
10 estimated medicaid cost of \$59,000,000,000 in 2021. Between
11 2020 and 2025, thirty states will see medicaid spending on
12 people with Alzheimer's disease increase by at least twenty per
13 cent, before adjusting for inflation. By 2050, medicaid
14 spending on those with Alzheimer's disease will total an
15 estimated \$199,000,000,000, based on current dollars.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
17 executive office on aging to create an Alzheimer's disease and
18 related dementias public health campaign.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for



1 the executive office on aging of the department of health to
2 create an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public
3 health campaign to educate the public on:

- 4 (1) The early signs of cognitive impairment;
- 5 (2) The value of early detection and diagnosis; and
- 6 (3) The importance of discussing with health care
7 professionals any changes in memory and thinking.

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

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Executive Office on Aging; Department of Health; Alzheimer's Disease; Related Dementias; Public Health Campaign; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign. (SD1)

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