
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELDERLY IDENTIFICATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The kupuna ID project was initiated on a
2 volunteer basis by the department of the attorney general and
3 its law enforcement partners to help elderly adults, who may
4 become disoriented, sick, or lost, by providing them with an
5 identification card that includes their photo, name, and
6 emergency contact information. The card assists emergency
7 personnel in identifying a lost senior citizen and contacting
8 appropriate responsible parties. Limited resources forced the
9 closure of this popular program.

10 The executive office on aging's SageWatch program has
11 offered to adopt the kupuna ID project as part of its outreach
12 activities. Volunteers will be trained by the department of the
13 attorney general. The goals include:

- 14 (1) Partnering with the community to implement the program
15 statewide;
- 16 (2) Coordinating community events across the State for
17 kupuna to register and be photographed; and



1 (3) Creating a central database for information that may
2 be accessible to necessary authorities and family
3 members in the event that a kupuna is lost or missing.

4 This innovative community partnership can assist in
5 ensuring the safety and protection of Hawaii's kupuna.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
7 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the
8 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof
11 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to allow the
12 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the
13 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 health for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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Report Title:

Appropriation; Elderly Identification

Description:

Appropriates funds for SageWatch to adopt the former Kupuna ID Project as part of its outreach services. (HB2935 HD1)

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