
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 name, photo, and
6 emergency contact information. The card assists emergency
7 personnel in identifying a lost senior citizen and contacting
8 appropriate responsible parties. The program is currently
9 operated by the department of the attorney general, crime
10 prevention and justice assistance division.

11 The executive office on aging's SageWatch program has
12 offered to adopt and expand the kupuna ID project as part of its
13 outreach activities so that further outreach and services can be
14 provided to keep seniors safe. Volunteers will be trained by
15 the department of the attorney general. The goals include:

16 (1) Partnering with the community to implement the program
17 statewide;



- 1 (2) Coordinating community events across the state for
- 2 kupuna to register and be photographed; and
- 3 (3) Creating a central database for information that may
- 4 be accessible to necessary authorities and family
- 5 members if a kupuna is lost or missing.

6 This innovative community partnership can assist in

7 ensuring the safety and protection of Hawaii's kupuna.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the

9 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the

10 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1 or so much thereof

13 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to allow the

14 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the

15 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

17 health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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HD1

Report Title:

Appropriation; Elderly Identification

Description:

Appropriates funds for SageWatch to implement the Kupuna ID Project as part of its outreach services. (SB2713 HD1)

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