
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 to identify a lost senior citizen and to contact
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 partnering with the
14 community to implement the program statewide, coordinating
15 community events across the State for kupuna to register and be
16 photographed, and creating a central database for information
17 that may be accessible to necessary authorities and family
18 members in the event that a kupuna is lost or missing. This



1 innovative community partnership can assist in ensuring the
2 safety and protection of Hawaii's kupuna.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
4 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the
5 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities, including
6 the funding of two positions, program specialist IV (SR 22) and
7 program specialist III (SR 20).

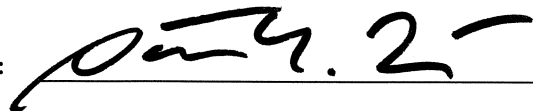
8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$120,116, or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
11 executive office on aging's SageWatch program to adopt the
12 kupuna ID project as part of its outreach activities, including
13 the funding of two positions, program specialist IV (SR 22) and
14 program specialist III (SR 20).

15 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
16 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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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.

