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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO EXPAND THE SERVICES OF KUPUNA CARE SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. On July 1, 1999, the executive office on aging  
2 launched its statewide long-term care program called kupuna  
3 care. Kupuna care was developed in partnership with the county  
4 area agencies-on-aging to address the growing numbers of elders  
5 with long-term care needs.

6           Services provided by kupuna care are intended to help meet  
7 the needs of older adults who cannot live at home without  
8 adequate help from family or formal services, and includes  
9 services such as adult day care, assisted transportation,  
10 attendant care, case management, chore, home delivered meals,  
11 homemaker, transportation, and personal care.

12           Kupuna care was designed to assist, not totally support,  
13 Hawaii's older adults live independently, safely, and healthy  
14 for as long as possible. United States citizens or legal aliens  
15 sixty years or older who are not receiving other comparable  
16 government assistance, who need help with activities of daily  
17 living (eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, transferring,



1 mobility) or because they have reduced mental capacity, and who  
2 are not residing in an institution, may qualify for the program.

3 State funds cover the cost of services for those who cannot  
4 afford to pay. Kupuna care offers a reduced rate for those who  
5 can afford to pay only a portion of the service. Voluntary  
6 donations to the service provider are welcomed for any service  
7 provided and are used to support the cost of care of additional  
8 clients.

9 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that this worthwhile  
10 program continues to maintain the quality of life of Hawaii's  
11 older adults and their family caregivers by appropriating funds  
12 to expand kupuna care services.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to expand  
16 the kupuna care services program.

17 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
18 executive office on aging for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



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**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Kupuna Care Services

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to expand Kupuna Care Services.

