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# 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





**SB. NO. 2713**

**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Elderly Identification

**Description:**

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

