
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. 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 partnering with the community to implement the program
17 statewide, coordinating community events across the State for
18 kupuna to register and be photographed, and creating a central



1 database for information that may be accessible to necessary
2 authorities and family members in the event that a kupuna is
3 lost or missing. This innovative community partnership can
4 assist in ensuring the safety and protection of Hawaii's kupuna.

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

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

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

19 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 implement the Kupuna ID Project as part of its outreach services. (SD1)

