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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The delivery of long term care in Hawaii has 2 characteristically been uncoordinated, making it difficult for 3 consumers to obtain information about long term care options and 4 services. Much of this has to do with the fact that different 5 programs have their own eligibility requirements, funding mandates, care benefits, provider participation regulations, 6 7 administrative structure, and service delivery mechanisms. 8 Consequently, it is difficult to coordinate a comprehensive 9 continuum of long term care (ranging from nursing homes to home 10 and community-based services) for the elderly and the disabled.

In 2005, Hawaii was selected to receive a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop an aging and disability resource center program. The grant is intended to help Hawaii develop "one-stop shop" programs at the community level that can serve as the entry point to the long term services and support system. The vision is to have resource centers in every community serving as highly visible



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1 and trusted places where people can turn for information on the 2 full range of long term care support options, and with a 3 streamlined process for screening, intake, assessment, and 4 eligibility determination. Long term care support refers to a 5 wide range of in-home, community-based, and institutional 6 services and programs that are designed to help individuals with 7 disabilities.

8 The executive office on aging, in partnership with the 9 Hawaii county office of aging and the city and county of 10 Honolulu elderly affairs division, is already developing an 11 aging and disability resource center in Hawaii county. The 12 three year project commenced in October, 2005, and is due for 13 completion by September, 2008. A second resource center is 14 planned for the city and county of Honolulu. A state advisory 15 board has already been established to provide public input and 16 feedback on the project development, and to develop a statewide 17 access plan for future replication. Each project will also have 18 its own steering committee or advisory board at the county level 19 to assist in the specific site development.

20 The Hawaii county project received additional funding from 21 the Hawaii county council, with support from the Hawaii county 22 mayor, to enable the project to lease the former Sun Sun Lau



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1 Chinese Restaurant in Hilo as the physical site. Renovations 2 are currently underway at the Hilo site with a target completion 3 date of mid-2007. The Hawaii county office of aging will co-4 locate in this centralized facility with other aging and 5 disability services and providers, including the department of 6 human services (medicaid program), the Hawaii Center of 7 Independent Living, and the Legal Aid Society. 8 The city and county of Honolulu project will initially be a 9 virtual site. It will build upon the city and county of 10 Honolulu elderly affairs division's current senior hotline 11 telephone information and assistance program, and will develop a 12 comprehensive resource website. The overall goal is to 13 eventually establish aging and disability resource center sites 14 in all of the counties to provide statewide access. 15 The legislature finds that the aging and disability 16 resource center program will improve access to long term care 17 information and options for both the elderly and the disabled by 18 facilitating their search for needed services. 19 The purpose of this Act is to support the aging and

21 supplement its development. The funds shall be used to:

disability resource center program by appropriating funds to

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1	(1)	Contract with a state management information
2		consultant to:
3		(A) Identify management information system needs;
4		(B) Assist with vendor selection;
5		(C) Ensure compliance with management information
6		system requirements;
7		(D) Provide resources and technical assistance for
8		project evaluation, intake, and database
9		development;
10		(E) Troubleshoot technical problems; and
11		(F) Assist with systems integration;
12	(2)	Purchase additional management information system
13		products, including software licensing, server
14		clusters, installation, staff training, computer
15		hardware, and technical support;
16	(3)	Install a statewide toll-free telephone system for the
17		public to contact the aging and disability resource
18		center sites. This includes the installation of the
19		single server number, telephone equipment, cable
20		lines, phone system upgrades, and special equipment
21		for the blind and deaf consumers;

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1	(4)	Coordinate and implement consumer education and
2		outreach campaigns, including outreach coordination,
3		the production and printing of brochures and posters,
4		media ads, presentations and exhibits at senior and
5		disability events or focal centers, bilingual
6		translation, and other promotional activities that
7		will educate the consumers and general public about
8		aging and disability resource center services;
9	(5)	Continue the coordination and implementation of the
10		Hawaii county site;
11	(6)	Continue the coordination and implementation of the
12		Honolulu county site; and
13	(7)	Continue the state-level coordination and evaluation
14		activities of the project.
15	SECT	ION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$370,000, or so much
17	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
18	sum of \$230,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for	
19	fiscal ye	ar 2008-2009, to supplement the development of the
20	aging and	disability resource center program.

21 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the22 department of health for the purposes of this Act.



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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

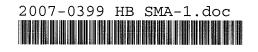
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Report Title:

Long Term Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program

Description:

Appropriates funds to assist with the development of the aging and disability resource center program.

