

JAN 19 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over 190,000
2 individuals in the State provide regular care or assistance to
3 older adults age sixty and older. Many frail and disabled
4 elders depend on the care that they receive from caregivers,
5 many of whom are friends or relatives who are not paid for the
6 caregiving services that they provide. There are times when a
7 caregiver may unexpectedly become unable to provide the needed
8 caregiving services due to illness, an accident, or other
9 reasons. It is at these times that emergency respite care
10 becomes critical. Respite care is also important during the
11 evening when services or support is generally less available
12 from others.

13 The legislature further finds that the provision of respite
14 care during the evening and on an emergency basis is important
15 to ensure that frail and disabled elders receive necessary care
16 when their caregivers are unavailable.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
2 executive office on aging to develop and implement a pilot
3 program to provide emergency and evening respite care for older
4 adults who are age sixty and older with physical or cognitive
5 disabilities.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging shall
7 develop and implement a pilot program to provide emergency and
8 evening respite care for older adults who are age sixty and
9 older with physical or cognitive disabilities. In developing
10 the pilot program, the executive office on aging shall consult
11 with the aging network.

12 (b) The executive office on aging shall submit an interim
13 report, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature
14 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008
15 regular session, and shall submit a final report, including any
16 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
17 days prior to the convening of the 2009 regular session.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
21 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22 year 2008-2009, for the executive office on aging to develop and



1 implement a pilot program to provide emergency and evening
2 respite care for older adults pursuant to section 2.

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

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

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Report Title:

Caregiving; Emergency and Evening Respite Care

Description:

Appropriates funds for the executive office on aging to develop and implement an emergency and evening respite care pilot program.

