
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. According to the executive office on aging, the
2 elderly population in Hawaii is one of the fastest growing in
3 the country. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of persons aged
4 sixty and older increased by nineteen per cent, compared to a
5 nationwide increase of nine per cent. Studies conducted by the
6 executive office on aging and the four county area agencies on
7 aging have indicated that the elderly in Hawaii have a
8 significant need for assistance in various areas and this need
9 is outpacing the ability to provide assistance. Significant
10 issues that arise with elderly people include health status,
11 changes in family structure (caregivers), social security
12 stability for the future, fear of health care burdens (financial
13 stability), and changes in public responsibility. Case
14 management and needs assessments of older adults are required to
15 mold programs and services to meet the needs of the elderly
16 community. As Hawaii's culture and values revolve around
17 family, most caregiving of the elderly in Hawaii is provided by



1 family members, which poses financial hardships for these family
2 members. Financial stability and burden are the main issues for
3 the elderly and their caregivers and families. Long-term care
4 services are expensive, and are not expected to decrease. The
5 high cost for services may lead to changes in living
6 arrangements and family households, especially in Hawaii.

7 The kupuna care program (kupuna care) was established in
8 1999 as a collaborative effort by several agencies in Hawaii to
9 address the needs of the aging population and the issues arising
10 from those needs. The program is home- and community-based,
11 designed to address the increased need for affordable long-term
12 care and the desire to remain in the community. Kupuna care is
13 considered to be an alternative to the traditional long-term
14 care options, which include hospitals, nursing homes, adult
15 residential care homes, adult foster homes, hospice, senior
16 housing, public guardianship, and other programs administered by
17 other state offices. The goal of kupuna care is to give
18 Hawaii's elderly population access to affordable and quality
19 home- and community-based services that are client-centered and
20 family-supportive, allowing the elderly to live with
21 independence and dignity. The nine core services that are
22 offered, which are a reflection of the greatest need, are:



- 1 (1) Adult day care;
- 2 (2) Attendant care;
- 3 (3) Case management;
- 4 (4) Chore;
- 5 (5) Homemaker;
- 6 (6) Personal care;
- 7 (7) Assisted transportation;
- 8 (8) Kupuna care transportation; and
- 9 (9) Home delivered meals.

10 In 2008, thousands of elderly people were served by kupuna
11 care. According to the state program report for fiscal year
12 2008 as prepared by the executive office on aging, 3,277 meals
13 were delivered to homes, 1,744 elders were served by case
14 managers, 874 elders used personal care, and 597 elders used the
15 homemaker services. Kupuna care fills an important gap in
16 assistance for the elderly in Hawaii and cuts in service would
17 be detrimental to their ability to live with independence and
18 dignity.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,963,411 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to provide
22 additional funding for the kupuna care program. This funding



1 shall be in addition to the \$4,854,350 executive office on aging
2 base budget.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Kupuna Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates additional funding for the kupuna care program.

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