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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SILVER ALERT FOR MISSING SENIOR CITIZENS.

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

1           SECTION 1. With the cooperation of the each respective  
2 county's police departments, the State Civil Defense Division,  
3 local broadcasters, and other relevant and appropriate state and  
4 county agencies, there shall be developed and implemented a  
5 statewide silver alert program to be activated on behalf of a  
6 missing senior citizen in the appropriate county.

7           SECTION 2. To the greatest extent possible, the silver  
8 alert program shall be integrated with the preexisting Maile  
9 Amber Alert program and partnership.

10          SECTION 3. A silver alert shall be issued if the following  
11 criteria are met:

12           (1) A county police department receives notice of a  
13 missing senior citizen from the family or legal  
14 guardian or the missing senior citizen;

15           (2) The senior citizen is domiciled in Hawaii, but  
16 the current location of the senior citizen is  
17 unknown;



1           (3) The senior citizen has an impaired mental  
2           condition, which can be documented by the family,  
3           legal guardian, or physician of the missing  
4           senior citizen; and

5           (4) Sufficient information is provided that indicates  
6           that the senior citizen's disappearance poses a  
7           credible threat to the health and safety of the  
8           senior citizen.

9           SECTION 4. The alert shall include all appropriate  
10          information provided by the respective county's police  
11          department, information that may lead to the safe recovery of  
12          the missing senior citizen, and a statement instructing any  
13          person with information related to the missing senior citizen to  
14          contact a local law enforcement agency and the contact  
15          information for that agency.

16          SECTION 5. For purposes of this Act, "alert" means the  
17          countywide silver alert for missing senior citizens developed  
18          and implemented by this Act.

19          "Local law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement  
20          agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing  
21          senior citizen.



1 "Senior citizen" means a person who is 65 years of age or  
2 older.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.  
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**Report Title:**

Notification; silver alert

**Description:**

Creates and implements a silver alert program to be operated concurrently with the Maile Amber Alert program.

