
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
18 family members, which poses financial hardships for these family



1 members. Financial stability and burden are the main issues for
2 the elderly and their caregivers and families. Long-term care
3 services are expensive and the high cost for services may lead
4 to changes in living arrangements and family households,
5 especially in Hawaii.

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

22 (1) Adult day care;



- 1 (2) Attendant care (Project Dana, Waikiki Friendly
- 2 Neighbors);
- 3 (3) Case management (Honolulu Gerontology Program, Kokua
- 4 Kalihi Valley;
- 5 (4) Chore (Honolulu Gerontology Program);
- 6 (5) Homemaker (Honolulu Gerontology Program);
- 7 (6) Personal care (St. Francis Health Services for Senior
- 8 Citizens);
- 9 (7) Assisted transportation (Catholic Charities);
- 10 (8) Kupuna Care transportation;
- 11 (9) Home delivered meals (Lanikila Pacific Meals on
- 12 Wheels); and
- 13 (10) Meals for the elderly.

14 In 2008, thousands of elderly people were served by Kupuna
15 Care. According to the state program report for fiscal year
16 2008 as prepared by the executive office on aging, 3,277 meals
17 were delivered to homes, 1,744 elders were served by case
18 managers, eight hundred seventy-four elders used personal care,
19 and five hundred ninety-seven elders used the homemaker
20 services. Kupuna Care fills an important gap in assistance for
21 the elderly in Hawaii and cuts in service would be detrimental
22 to their ability to live with independence and dignity.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3.5 million or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2012-2013 to provide additional funding for the Kupuna Care
6 program. This funding shall be in addition to the \$4,854,350
7 executive office on aging base budget.

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

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



Report Title:

Kupuna Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates additional funding for the Kupuna Care program.
Effective July 1, 2011. (HB160 HD1).

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