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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2005, Hawaii was  
2 selected to receive a grant from the United States Department of  
3 Health and Human Services to develop an aging and disability  
4 resource center program. The grant was intended to help Hawaii  
5 develop "one-stop shop" centers at the community level that  
6 could serve as the entry point to long term care services and a  
7 support system.

8           Since 2005, aging and disability resource centers have been  
9 created in the counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii, and the city and  
10 county of Honolulu. These centers have improved access to long  
11 term care information and options for family caregivers, the  
12 elderly, and the disabled by facilitating their search for  
13 needed services. The legislature finds that although Hawaii has  
14 been working to develop a fully functioning aging and disability  
15 resource center program for several years, the program currently  
16 provides only limited services and information, primarily  
17 through toll-free telephone numbers and a website.



1           The purpose of this Act is to create a single point of  
2 entry into Hawaii's long term care resources by:

- 3           (1) Formally establishing the aging and disability  
4 resource center program within the executive office on  
5 aging;
- 6           (2) Expanding the current responsibilities of the existing  
7 aging and disability resource centers currently  
8 administered by the counties; and
- 9           (3) Appropriating funds for the statewide development of  
10 the aging and disability resource center program.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
13 to read as follows:

14           **"PART           .   AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM**

15           **§349-       Aging and disability resource center program. (a)**

16 There is established the aging and disability resource center  
17 program in the executive office on aging. The purpose of the  
18 aging and disability resource center program shall be to  
19 integrate the full range of long term care services and supports  
20 into a single, coordinated system.

21           (b) The aging and disability resource center program shall  
22 establish centers, if none currently exist, in every county.



1 The centers shall be the source to which individuals of all  
2 ages, incomes, and disabilities may be directed for information  
3 on and referral to the full range of long term care support  
4 options, including:

- 5 (1) Medicaid, medicare, Older Americans Act, Veterans  
6 Administration, and other federal, state, and county  
7 revenue-funded programs and services;
- 8 (2) Privately administered programs and services;
- 9 (3) Application process for publicly funded programs;
- 10 (4) Services and supports for individuals with Alzheimer's  
11 disease and related dementia;
- 12 (5) Transportation services;
- 13 (6) Housing and residential care options;
- 14 (7) Elder rights protection;
- 15 (8) Hospital and nursing home discharge planning and care  
16 transition;
- 17 (9) Health, prevention, and wellness programs;
- 18 (10) Support for grandparents and other relatives raising  
19 grandchildren; and
- 20 (11) Informal and family caregiver support services.

21 (c) The aging and disability resource center program shall  
22 target services to:



- 1           (1) Individuals aged sixty and older;
- 2           (2) Individuals of any age with physical disabilities,  
3           serious mental illness, dementia, developmental  
4           disabilities, or intellectual disabilities;
- 5           (3) Informal and family caregivers providing assistance to  
6           someone needing long term care services and supports;
- 7           (4) Health care professionals seeking assistance on behalf  
8           of their clients; and
- 9           (5) Individuals planning for their future long term care  
10          support needs.
- 11          (d) Each area agency on aging shall implement the aging  
12          and disability resource center program within its respective  
13          geographic service area.
- 14          (e) The aging and disability resource center program shall  
15          be responsible for:
- 16               (1) Coordinating the kupuna care program;
- 17               (2) Coordinating the long term care insurance program if  
18               established pursuant to the passing of S.B. No.           ,  
19               or any subsequent versions, by the legislature during  
20               this regular session of 2012, whether before or after  
21               July 1, 2012;





# S.B. NO. 2311

**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Executive Office on Aging; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program; Long Term Care Commission; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the aging and disability resource center program in the executive office on aging. Appropriates funds for the further development and expansion of the aging and disability resource center program statewide.

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