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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.

**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; and

6           (2) Appropriating funds for the statewide development of  
7 the aging and disability resource center program.

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

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

12           **§349- Aging and disability resource centers;**

13 **established.** (a) There is established the aging and disability  
14 resource center program in the executive office on aging. The  
15 purpose of the aging and disability resource center program  
16 shall be to integrate the full range of long-term care services  
17 and supports into a single, coordinated system.

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

20 The centers shall be the source to which individuals of all  
21 ages, incomes, and disabilities may be directed for information



1 on and referral to the full range of long-term care support  
2 options, including:

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

19 (c) The aging and disability resource center program shall  
20 target services to:

- 21 (1) Individuals aged sixty and older;



- 1 (2) Individuals of any age with physical disabilities,  
2 serious mental illness, dementia, developmental  
3 disabilities, or intellectual disabilities;
- 4 (3) Informal and family caregivers providing assistance to  
5 someone needing long-term care services and supports;
- 6 (4) Health care professionals seeking assistance on behalf  
7 of their clients; and
- 8 (5) Individuals planning for their future long-term care  
9 support needs.
- 10 (d) Each area agency on aging shall implement the aging  
11 and disability resource center program within its respective  
12 geographic service area."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,427,461 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to develop  
16 and expand the aging and disability resource center program  
17 statewide.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 health's executive office on aging for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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# S.B. NO. 2388

**Report Title:**

Executive Office on Aging; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program; 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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