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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1 **PART I**

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that falls and fall-  
3 related injuries among the elderly impact individuals, families,  
4 the community, and the State's health care system. Fall  
5 prevention is a major concern for the safety and well-being of  
6 the State's elderly residents, the fastest-growing segment of  
7 Hawaii's population.

8 Among the elderly in Hawaii, falls are the leading cause of  
9 fatal injuries (an average of forty-four per cent) and injury-  
10 related hospitalizations (an average of eighty-three per cent).  
11 On average, every five hours in Hawaii an elderly person is  
12 injured so severely in a fall that hospitalization is necessary.  
13 Falls among Hawaii's elderly also result in a yearly average of  
14 eighty-two deaths and nearly one thousand eight hundred  
15 hospitalizations.

16 The legislature further finds that hospital costs  
17 associated with fall-related injuries average over \$65,000,000 a  
18 year. This total does not include the additional significant



1 costs associated with skilled nursing care and rehabilitation.  
2 Among Hawaii seniors hospitalized for a fall, forty-three per  
3 cent are discharged to skilled nursing facilities for additional  
4 care, and twelve per cent are moved to rehabilitation  
5 facilities.

6 The legislature additionally finds that access to fall  
7 prevention services and programs would significantly reduce  
8 these costs. In addition, the early detection of fall  
9 occurrences would reduce both costs and suffering by expediting  
10 treatment, minimizing serious long-term consequences, reducing  
11 the extent of the injury, and in some instances, avoiding death.

12 Falls among the elderly are a significant public health  
13 issue. Yet, currently, there are insufficient resources to  
14 develop a coordinated statewide approach to reduce and promptly  
15 detect falls among the elderly. The legislature therefore finds  
16 that the department of health's emergency medical services and  
17 injury prevention system branch should be permitted to establish  
18 and maintain a program dedicated to fall prevention and early  
19 detection for the elderly. This program shall serve as a focal  
20 point for statewide injury prevention and detection efforts to  
21 ensure multidisciplinary support, coordination of prevention and



1 detection efforts, and continuity of implementation and  
2 accountability.

3 The purpose of this part is to establish a fall prevention  
4 and early detection coordinator within the emergency medical  
5 services and injury prevention system branch to coordinate the  
6 provision of public and private fall prevention and early  
7 detection services for the elderly.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§321- Fall prevention and early detection coordinator.

12 There is established within the emergency medical services and  
13 injury prevention system branch a fall prevention and early  
14 detection coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and  
15 private fall prevention and early detection services for the  
16 elderly."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the trauma system  
18 special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be  
19 necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to establish and fill one  
20 full-time equivalent fall prevention and early detection  
21 coordinator position.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 health for the purposes of this part.

3 **PART II**

4 SECTION 4. Section 349-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[~~§~~349-3.2~~§~~] **Alzheimer's disease and related dementia**  
7 **services coordinator.** There is established within the executive  
8 office on aging an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
9 services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and  
10 private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. [~~The~~  
11 ~~coordinator shall be appointed by the director in accordance~~  
12 ~~with chapters 76 and 89.~~]"

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
16 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator  
17 position.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 health for the purposes of this section.

20 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the



1 kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated shall be  
2 in addition to the base budget of the executive office on aging.

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

5 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
8 aging and disability resource center.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
10 health for the purposes of this section.

11 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to provide  
14 funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised  
15 Statutes, for senior centers and to be distributed as follows:

- 16 (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the  
17 Lanakila multi-purpose senior center \$ ;
- 18 (2) Kapahulu Center \$ ;
- 19 (3) Moiliili Community Center for the  
20 Moiliili senior center \$ ; and
- 21 (4) Waikiki Community Center \$ .





1 members of the Association of American Retired Persons found  
2 that twenty-nine per cent of respondents said they expected  
3 medicare to pay for their long-term care if needed.

4 The legislature additionally finds that, unless people have  
5 basic information about long-term care, including the types and  
6 providers of long-term care services, the statistical risk of  
7 needing long-term care, and the cost of long-term care, they are  
8 unlikely to create plans for their long-term care or purchase  
9 long-term care insurance.

10 The legislature also finds that a long-term care education  
11 and awareness campaign will educate people about their risks of  
12 needing long-term care and motivate people to begin planning for  
13 their potential long-term care needs.

14 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to the  
15 department of health to administer a public education and  
16 awareness campaign on long-term care and obtain an independent  
17 evaluation of the campaign.

18 SECTION 11. (a) The executive office on aging shall  
19 conduct a long-term care education and awareness campaign.

20 (b) The campaign goals shall include:

21 (1) Informing the public on the likelihood of needing  
22 long-term care at some point in life;



- 1           (2) Educating the public on the risks of not planning for  
2           long-term care and on how to maximize the duration of  
3           a person's independent living;
- 4           (3) Building awareness that long-term care is not covered  
5           by medicare or regular private health insurance;
- 6           (4) Educating the public about the cost of long-term care,  
7           including the limits of medicaid eligibility and  
8           benefits;
- 9           (5) Informing the public on the value and availability of  
10          current financing and delivery options to obtain long-  
11          term care; and
- 12          (6) Providing the public with resources to navigate the  
13          complexities of planning for long-term care and the  
14          agencies that provide these services.
- 15          (c) The executive office on aging may develop a public-  
16 private partnership to fund and administer the campaign and may  
17 invite broad participation from multiple interested stakeholders  
18 in the State.
- 19          (d) The director of the executive office on aging shall  
20 have the campaign independently evaluated for its effectiveness.
- 21          (e) The director of the executive office on aging shall  
22 submit the independent evaluation, including findings and





1 recommendations, if any, to the legislature no later than twenty  
2 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

3 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
6 executive office on aging to conduct an education and awareness  
7 campaign on long-term care and to obtain an independent  
8 evaluation of the campaign.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
10 health for the purposes of this part.

11 PART IV

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

15 "§349- Elder justice coordinator; establishment;  
16 duties. (a) There is established within the executive office  
17 on aging an elder justice coordinator to plan and implement  
18 statewide initiatives to protect seniors from abuse and fraud.

19 (b) The elder justice coordinator shall:

20 (1) Promote collaborative efforts in the development of  
21 elder justice programs at the state and local levels;



- 1        (2) Improve the recognition, detection, and awareness of
- 2        elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation by the public
- 3        and health care professionals and enhance response and
- 4        outreach to elderly victims;
- 5        (3) Facilitate the development, implementation, and
- 6        continuous improvement of a coordinated,
- 7        multidisciplinary elder justice system in Hawaii;
- 8        (4) Establish a clearinghouse to collect and disseminate
- 9        information concerning best practices and resources
- 10       for training and technical assistance to carry out
- 11       evidence-based programs to prevent and address elder
- 12       abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
- 13       (5) Improve the ability of first responders to screen for
- 14       diminished capacity, vulnerability to financial abuse,
- 15       and victimization; and
- 16       (6) Establish a multifaceted public awareness campaign,
- 17       including public service announcements and social
- 18       media, to raise awareness of elder abuse and existing
- 19       prevention efforts."

20       SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general

21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much

22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the



1 executive office on aging to establish an elder justice  
2 coordinator position.

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

5 **PART V**

6 SECTION 15. Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§349- Long-term supports and services system and  
10 resource development coordinator; establishment; duties. (a)

11 There is established within the executive office on aging a  
12 long-term supports and services system and resource development  
13 coordinator.

14 (b) The long-term supports and services system and  
15 resource development coordinator shall:

16 (1) Collaborate with each aging and disability resource  
17 center or area agency on aging to facilitate their  
18 social entrepreneurship by developing and implementing  
19 a business plan for each respective county's aging and  
20 disability resource center or area agency on aging.

21 The goal of each business plan shall be to:



- 1           (A) Improve the aging and disability resource center  
2           or area agency on aging's operational efficiency  
3           and diversify their funding to decrease the  
4           organization's reliance on allocations and  
5           grants; and
- 6           (B) Encourage business market competition that will  
7           subsequently strengthen services for Hawaii's  
8           older adults and their families into the future;
- 9           (2) Research the fiscal, policy, and operational changes  
10           necessary to integrate new ways of doing business  
11           within the aging and disability resource center and  
12           area agency on aging systems, and assist in developing  
13           new business partnerships;
- 14           (3) Promote increased operational efficiency of the aging  
15           and disability resource centers and area agencies on  
16           aging by facilitating a corporate culture change that  
17           aligns with their respective organization's business  
18           plan;
- 19           (4) Research and explore additional funding sources for  
20           aging and disability resource centers and area  
21           agencies on aging;



- 1        (5) Develop and refine mechanisms for collaboration among  
2        aging and disability resource centers and area  
3        agencies on aging regarding information sharing, new  
4        business partners' policies, practices, interactions,  
5        and outcomes of each line of business developed within  
6        the aging network;
- 7        (6) Facilitate the development of a full array of services  
8        that can be offered by each aging and disability  
9        resource center and area agency on aging to potential  
10       business partners that will result in independent  
11       sustainable funding for the aging and disability  
12       resource center and area agency on aging;
- 13       (7) Support the development of pricing long-term supports  
14       and services to be offered by each aging and  
15       disability resource center and area agency on aging to  
16       potential business partners;
- 17       (8) Develop and expand each aging and disability resource  
18       center and area agency on aging's capacity to bill for  
19       services and receive payments from a variety of  
20       funding sources;
- 21       (9) Facilitate the development of marketing materials to  
22       advertise the array of services available through each



1 aging and disability resource center and area agency  
2 on aging in Hawaii;

3 (10) Initiate and facilitate contact with new business  
4 partnerships and market services;

5 (11) Act as a liaison among business partners, the aging  
6 and disability resource centers and area agencies on  
7 aging, and the executive office on aging;

8 (12) Collaborate with executive office on aging vendors and  
9 contractors;

10 (13) Collect and analyze data from the aging and disability  
11 resource centers and area agencies on aging regarding  
12 outcomes of each line of business; and

13 (14) Enable each aging and disability resource center and  
14 area agency on aging to collect outcome information  
15 that supports the value of aging and disability  
16 resource center and area agency on aging services."

17 SECTION 16. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
20 executive office on aging to establish a position for a long-  
21 term supports and services system and resource development



1 coordinator to increase the sustainability of Hawaii's aging  
2 network.

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

5 **PART VI**

6 SECTION 17. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 18. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Long-term Care; Education and Awareness; Appropriation; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services; Prevention of Elder Abuse and Fraud; Elder Justice Coordinator; Long-Term Supports and Services System and Resource Development Coordinator; Executive Office on Aging

**Description:**

Establishes a fall prevention and early detection coordinator within DOH's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch and appropriates funds. Removes hiring requirement by Director of Health in accordance to chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for various kupuna, aging, disability, and senior center programs. Requires the executive office on aging to conduct an education and awareness campaign on long-term care and have the campaign independently evaluated and appropriates funds. Establishes an elder justice coordinator position within the executive office on aging and appropriates funds. Establishes a long-term supports and services system and resource development coordinator within the executive office on aging and appropriates funds. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

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