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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 Alzheimer's disease
2 accounts for approximately sixty to seventy per cent of dementia
3 cases. As the disease progresses, functional abilities decline,
4 resulting in an individual's inability to carry out such basic
5 bodily functions as walking and swallowing, and ultimately leads
6 to death. The most important known risk factor for Alzheimer's
7 disease is age. According to the Alzheimer's Association, the
8 likelihood of developing Alzheimer's disease doubles about every
9 five years after age sixty-five, and almost half of the people
10 over eighty-five will have some form of memory loss.

11 The legislature further finds that due to the aging of the
12 Hawaii population, the prevalence of age-related illnesses,
13 including Alzheimer's disease, is expected to increase. From
14 2010 to 2015, the Hawaii population over the age of sixty-five
15 will increase by sixty-seven per cent. The Alzheimer's
16 Association has projected that in 2025, there will be thirty-
17 four thousand, or ten per cent, of Hawaii residents age sixty-
18 five and older with Alzheimer's disease.



1 The purpose of this Act is establish the Alzheimer's
2 disease task force to assess the current and future impact of
3 Alzheimer's disease on Hawaii residents and develop strategies
4 to prevent and treat individuals with Alzheimer's disease,
5 enhance care quality and efficiency, and expand supports for
6 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
8 of health for administrative purposes an Alzheimer's disease
9 task force to assess the current and future impact of
10 Alzheimer's disease on Hawaii residents and develop strategies
11 to prevent and treat individuals with Alzheimer's disease,
12 enhance care quality and efficiency, and expand supports for
13 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

14 (b) The Alzheimer's disease task force shall have twenty-
15 one members. The members of the task force shall include:

16 (1) The director of human services, or the director's
17 designee;

18 (2) The director of health, or the director's designee;

19 (3) The director of the executive office on aging, or the
20 director's designee;

21 (4) The president of the Hawaii health systems
22 corporation, or the president's designee;



- 1 (5) The administrator of the state health planning and
2 development agency, or the administrator's designee;
- 3 (6) The chief of the adult mental health division, or the
4 chief's designee;
- 5 (7) Two individuals diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's
6 disease to be appointed, one each, by the senate
7 president and speaker of the house of representatives;
- 8 (8) Two individuals who are caregivers to individuals with
9 Alzheimer's disease to be appointed, one each, by the
10 senate president and speaker of the house of
11 representatives;
- 12 (9) Two representatives of adult care homes that offer
13 special care units for individuals with Alzheimer's
14 disease to be appointed, one each, by the senate
15 president and speaker of the house of representatives;
- 16 (10) Two representatives of nursing home facilities that
17 provide special care for individuals with Alzheimer's
18 disease to be appointed, one each, by the senate
19 president and speaker of the house of representatives;
- 20 (11) Two representatives of the medical profession with
21 experience treating individuals with Alzheimer's



1 disease to be appointed, one each, by the senate
2 president and speaker of the house of representatives;

3 (12) Two individuals of the Alzheimer's Association - Aloha
4 Chapter to be appointed, one each, by the senate
5 president and speaker of the house of representatives;
6 and

7 (13) Two members at large appointed by the governor.

8 The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the task
9 force.

10 (c) The Alzheimer's disease task force shall:

11 (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's
12 disease on Hawaii residents;

13 (2) Examine the existing industries, services, and
14 resources available within the State to address the
15 needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and
16 their families and caregivers;

17 (3) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to
18 Alzheimer's disease;

19 (4) Examine state trends in the population of individuals
20 with Alzheimer's disease, including the changing
21 population of individuals with dementia and their
22 needs in all of the following areas:



- 1 (A) State's role in providing long-term care, family
2 caregiver support, and assistance to individuals
3 with early-stage and early onset of Alzheimer's
4 disease;
- 5 (B) State policy regarding individuals with
6 Alzheimer's disease and developmental
7 disabilities; and
- 8 (C) Surveillance of individuals with Alzheimer's
9 disease for the purpose of developing proper
10 estimates of the number of individuals in Hawaii
11 with Alzheimer's disease;
- 12 (5) Examine existing services, resources, and capacity for
13 treating and managing Alzheimer's disease, including
14 but not limited to:
- 15 (A) Type, cost, and availability of dementia
16 services;
- 17 (B) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-
18 term care staff;
- 19 (C) Quality care measures for long-term care
20 facilities;
- 21 (D) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to
22 respond to individuals with Alzheimer's disease;



- 1 (E) Availability of home and community-based
- 2 resources for individuals with Alzheimer's
- 3 disease and availability of respite care to
- 4 assist families;
- 5 (F) Inventory of long-term care dementia care units;
- 6 (G) Adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-
- 7 psychiatric units for individuals with behavior
- 8 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and
- 9 related dementia;
- 10 (H) Assisted living residential options for
- 11 individuals with dementia; and
- 12 (I) State support of Alzheimer's research through the
- 13 University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
- 14 medicine and other resources; and
- 15 (6) Examine needed state policies or responses, including
- 16 but not limited to:
- 17 (A) Directions for the provision of clear and
- 18 coordinated services and supports to individuals
- 19 and families living with Alzheimer's disease and
- 20 related disorders; and



1 (B) Strategies to address any identified gaps in
 2 services for individuals and families living with
 3 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

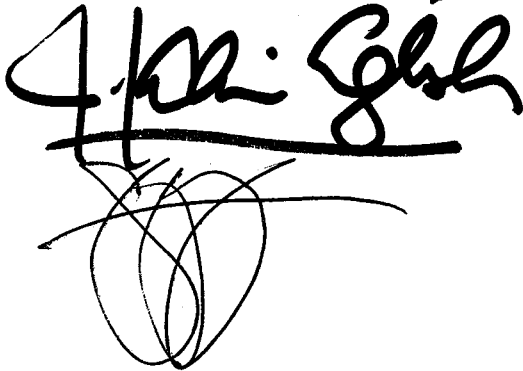
4 (d) Members of the Alzheimer's disease task force shall
 5 serve without compensation for their service on the task force
 6 but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, including travel
 7 expenses, incurred for serving on the task force.

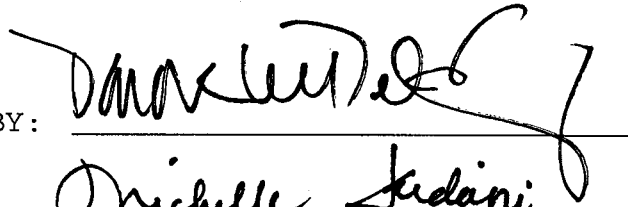
8 (e) The Alzheimer's disease task force shall submit a
 9 report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed
 10 legislation to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
 11 to the convening of the regular session of 2015, and shall be
 12 dissolved on July 1, 2015.

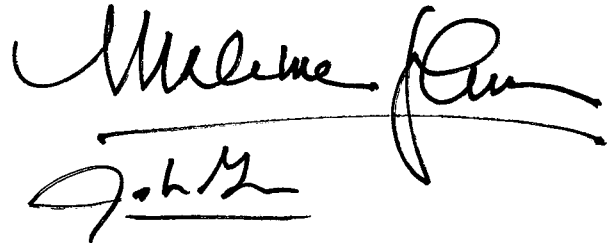
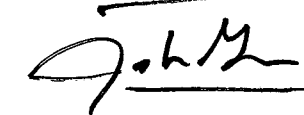
13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Alzheimer's Disease Task Force

Description:

Establishes the Alzheimer's disease task force to assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on Hawaii residents and develop strategies to prevent and treat individuals with Alzheimer's disease, enhance care quality and efficiency, and expand supports for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

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