
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 the kupuna care
3 program was enacted in 1999 to address the needs of Hawaii's
4 aging population and the issues arising from those needs. The
5 kupuna care program is considered to be an alternative to
6 traditional long-term care options. The goal of kupuna care is
7 to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and
8 dignified lives in their own homes and communities. The
9 legislature further finds that the kupuna care program provides
10 access to affordable and quality home- and community-based
11 services, including hot meals, transportation, case management,
12 and personal care assistance. Services offered by the kupuna
13 care program provide a safety net for all kupuna and their
14 caregivers.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 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 part.

5 PART II

6 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the State's aging
7 and disability resource center is a navigational tool intended
8 to streamline access to long-term supports and services for
9 older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family
10 caregivers. The legislature additionally finds that proper
11 funding for the aging and disability resource center is
12 essential to ensure the center is an effective single point of
13 entry for individuals seeking information about appropriate
14 long-term care options. Ensuring the availability of services
15 once a consumer receives a referral, such as those offered
16 through the kupuna care program, is also critical to the success
17 of the aging and disability resource center.

18 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
21 aging and disability resource center.



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

3 PART III

4 SECTION 5. The legislature finds that every year in
5 Hawaii, on average eighty-five seniors die, 1,960 are
6 hospitalized, and 8,700 are treated in emergency departments as
7 a result of falls. Falls among the elderly also result in
8 almost \$1,200,000 in hospital and physician charges. In
9 recognition of this critical public health issue, Act 153,
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established a fall prevention and
11 early detection services coordinator position within the
12 department of health's emergency medical services and injury
13 prevention system branch. This position enables the department
14 of health to support a coordinated statewide approach to prevent
15 and reduce the impact of falls among older adults. Act 153
16 funded a new position for a fall prevention and early detection
17 coordinator for fiscal year 2014 to 2015.

18 The legislature further finds that access to fall
19 prevention services and programs would significantly reduce
20 costs associated with falls in the elderly by expediting



1 treatment, minimizing serious long-term consequences, reducing
2 the extent of the injury, and in some instances, avoiding death.

3 Falls among the elderly are a significant public health
4 issue. Yet, currently, there are insufficient resources to
5 develop a coordinated statewide approach to reduce and promptly
6 detect falls among the elderly. The program serves as a focal
7 point for statewide injury prevention and detection efforts to
8 ensure multidisciplinary support, coordination of prevention and
9 detection efforts, and continuity of implementation and
10 accountability.

11 The purpose of this part is to assure a continued focus on
12 fall prevention in Hawaii, which will ultimately result in
13 longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

14 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for fall
17 prevention and early detection services for the elderly.

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



1 PART IV

2 SECTION 7. The legislature finds that the Hawaii healthy
3 aging partnership program was established in 2003 to improve the
4 health status of older adults by empowering residents to make
5 healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its
6 formation, the healthy aging partnership has successfully
7 adapted evidence-based health promotion programs and disease
8 prevention programs for the multicultural population in Hawaii.
9 The legislature further finds that participants who complete
10 workshops offered by the healthy aging partnership feel better,
11 are less limited by their health conditions, and often spend
12 less time at their doctor's office.

13 The legislature also finds that the healthy aging
14 partnership received the 2013 Multicultural Aging award from the
15 American Society on Aging. This award brought national
16 recognition for the healthy aging partnership's critical role in
17 improving the health of Hawaii's multiethnic elderly population.

18 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support
19 the healthy aging partnership program and its important role in
20 improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.



1 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
 4 healthy aging partnership program of the department of health's
 5 executive office on aging.

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

8 PART V

9 SECTION 9. The legislature finds that the *Hawaii 2025:*
 10 *State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*, published
 11 by the executive office on aging, identifies goals and key
 12 strategies to improve the lives of the numerous families
 13 affected by the disease. The legislature further finds that
 14 Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the
 15 United States and that it affects twenty-six thousand Hawaii
 16 residents, a number that will increase by forty per cent by the
 17 year 2025. The legislature also finds that an estimated sixty-
 18 five thousand unpaid caregivers in this State provide seventy-
 19 four million hours of unpaid care each year.

20 With the significantly high number of individuals affected
 21 by Alzheimer's disease as a person having the disease or as a

1 caregiver, and the substantial projected increase by 2025, there
2 is a need for a coordinated and prepared support system to
3 address the multitude of issues arising from addressing the
4 disease. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease*
5 *and Related Dementias* identifies strategies to address the
6 disease, the services and activities require coordination at a
7 systemic level, such as through a coordinator position.

8 The legislature further finds that the public awareness and
9 communication subcommittee of the statewide task force on
10 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia made the key
11 recommendation calling for a public awareness campaign that
12 utilizes various media sources to positively promote adults with
13 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with dignity and
14 respect and highlight caregivers as compassionate individuals
15 who champion the health and well-being of their loved ones.

16 The purpose of this part is to make an appropriation for an
17 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator
18 position and to make an appropriation for a campaign to raise
19 public awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

20 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
2 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator
3 position, which shall be exempt from the civil service
4 requirements of chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, until July
5 1, 2018.

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

8 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for an
11 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness
12 campaign that will utilize various media sources to positively
13 promote adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
14 with dignity and respect and highlight caregivers as
15 compassionate individuals who champion the health and well-being
16 of their loved ones.

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

19 PART VI

20 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2070.



Report Title:

Kupuna Care; Services and Programs for the Elderly

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership Program, an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position, and an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program. (HB1878 HD1)

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