
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SENIOR CENTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that senior centers in
2 Hawaii provide vital health education and screenings, fitness,
3 recreation, case management, and other services that enable
4 thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support
5 independence, and avoid expensive institutional care. The
6 executive office on aging's 2013 *Profile of Successful Aging*
7 *Among Hawaii's Older Adults* notes that supportive relationships,
8 interactions with the environment, and engagement in social
9 activities have positive correlations with the well-being of
10 older adults.

11 The legislature further finds that senior centers are
12 accessible and popular places where Hawaii's kupuna may gather
13 for social engagement and physical activity that contribute to
14 their well-being.

15 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for senior
16 centers, thereby enabling kupuna to participate in activities to



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1 help them remain active, healthy, and independent in their
2 community.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to
6 provide funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes, for seniors centers and to be distributed as
8 follows:

- 9 (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the
10 Lanakila multi-purpose senior
11 center \$185,000;
- 12 (2) Kapahulu Center \$;
- 13 (3) Moiliili Community Center for the
14 Moiliili senior center \$60,000;
- 15 and
- 16 (4) Waikiki Community Center \$75,000.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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