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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 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 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 The legislature further finds that the State's aging and  
16 disability resource center is a navigational tool intended to  
17 streamline access to long-term supports and services for older



1 adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers.  
2 The legislature additionally finds that proper funding for the  
3 aging and disability resource center is essential to ensure the  
4 center is an effective single point of entry for individuals  
5 seeking information about appropriate long-term care options.  
6 Ensuring the availability of services once a consumer receives a  
7 referral, such as those offered through the kupuna care program,  
8 is also critical to the success of the aging and disability  
9 resource center.

10 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support  
11 the State's kupuna care program and aging and disability  
12 resource center.

13 SECTION 2. 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 2015-2016 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2016-2017 for the kupuna care program; provided that the sums  
18 appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the  
19 executive office on aging.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
21 of health for the purposes of this part.



1 SECTION 3. 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 2015-2016 and  
4 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2016-2017 for the aging and disability resource center.

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

8 PART II

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

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

18 SECTION 5. 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 2015-2016 and the  
21 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2016-2017 for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
2 services coordinator position.

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

5 PART III

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

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

21 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
3 2016-2017 for fall prevention and early detection services for  
4 the elderly.

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

7 PART IV

8 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that senior centers in  
9 Hawaii provide vital health education and screenings, fitness,  
10 recreation, case management, and other services that enable  
11 thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support  
12 independence, and avoid expensive institutional care. The  
13 State's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii's Older  
14 Adults notes that supportive relationships, interactions with  
15 the environment, and engagement in social activities have  
16 positive correlations with the well-being of older adults. The  
17 legislature further finds that senior centers are accessible and  
18 popular places where Hawaii's kupuna may gather for social  
19 engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-  
20 being.

21 The purpose of this part is to provide funding for senior  
22 centers, thereby enabling kupuna to participate in activities to



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

3 SECTION 9. 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 2015-2016 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2016-2017 to provide funding for grants, pursuant to chapter  
8 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for seniors centers and to be  
9 distributed as follows:

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

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

18 PART V

19 SECTION 10. The legislature finds that the Hawaii health  
20 aging partnership was established in 2003 to improve the health  
21 status of older adults by empowering residents to make healthy  
22 decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its



1 formation, the health aging partnership has successfully adapted  
2 evidence-based health promotion program and disease prevention  
3 programs for the multicultural population in Hawaii. The  
4 legislature further finds that participants who complete  
5 workshops offered by the healthy aging partnership feel better,  
6 are less limited by their health conditions, and often spend  
7 less time at their doctor's office. The legislature also finds  
8 that the healthy aging partnership received the 2013  
9 Multicultural Aging award from the American Society on Aging.  
10 This award brought national recognition for the healthy aging  
11 partnership's critical role in improving the health of Hawaii's  
12 multiethnic elderly population.

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

16 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2016-2017 for the healthy aging partnership program of the  
21 department of health's executive office on aging.



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

3 PART VI

4 SECTION 12. The legislature finds that one in every three  
5 seniors who dies each year has Alzheimer's disease or related  
6 dementia. In Hawaii, a total of twenty-five thousand  
7 individuals over age sixty-five have been diagnosed with  
8 Alzheimer's disease - a statistic that will increase by 40 per  
9 cent by 2025. This does not reflect those under age sixty-five  
10 who have dementia or those who are undiagnosed. An estimated 60  
11 to 80 per cent of those living with cognitive impairment are not  
12 diagnosed. It is imperative for the public to be aware of the  
13 importance of early detection and accurate diagnosis for  
14 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

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





1 SECTION 13. 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 2015-2016 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2016-2017 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public  
6 awareness campaign that will utilize various media sources to  
7 positively promote adults with Alzheimer's disease and related  
8 dementia with dignity and respect and highlight caregivers as  
9 compassionate individuals who champion the health and well-being  
10 of their loved ones.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of health for the purposes of this part.

13 PART VII

14 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken.

16 SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator; Senior Centers; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services; Healthy Aging Partnership; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Public Awareness Campaign; Appropriation

**Description:**

Part I: Appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program and an Aging and Disability Resource Center. Part II: Removes hiring requirement by the Director of Health in accordance with Chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position. Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates funds for various senior center programs. Part V: Appropriates funds to support the Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Part VI: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign. (HB497 HD1)

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