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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELDERLY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The nation-wide trend toward an aging  
2 population is evident in Hawaii. Projections estimate that by  
3 2030 the elderly population will represent twenty per cent of  
4 the populations for each county, as well as the State as a  
5 whole: one out of every five individuals statewide will be aged  
6 sixty-five or older. To address this growing population, the  
7 mayor of the city and county of Honolulu has joined the network  
8 of age-friendly cities and communities program by establishing  
9 an age-friendly city initiative.

10           Age is the single most important factor influencing health  
11 status and the need and demand for health care resources. For  
12 the elderly, there is a clear relationship between age and  
13 mortality, prevalence of chronic conditions, and level of  
14 disability. Accordingly, the elderly are the heaviest users of  
15 health care resources.

16           Establishing senior playgrounds near children's playgrounds  
17 is a trend that is being used by an increasing number of states  
18 to keep elderly individuals healthy. Playgrounds designed as



1 fitness parks to keep seniors active and reduce their propensity  
2 to fall through opportunities to work on balance and dexterity  
3 address many health needs of older individuals. These fitness  
4 parks offer opportunities for active exercise and serve as  
5 preventative care to the propensity for falls, which alone are  
6 estimated to represent \$19,000,000,000 in annual health care  
7 costs, a number expected to increase to \$55,000,000,000 by 2020.

8 The purpose of this Act is to join the mayor of the city  
9 and county of Honolulu's age-friendly city initiative by  
10 partnering with the city and county of Honolulu to establish a  
11 three-year intergenerational playground pilot program to address  
12 the health needs of Hawaii's growing elderly population.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging, in  
14 collaboration with the city and county of Honolulu, shall  
15 establish a three-year intergenerational playground pilot  
16 program.

17 (b) The intergenerational playground pilot program shall  
18 identify an existing playground within the city and county of  
19 Honolulu that can be modified to become an intergenerational  
20 playground utilized by individuals of all ages including  
21 seniors.



1 (c) The intergenerational playground pilot program shall  
2 design and implement playground modifications and additions that  
3 provide activities to support the fitness of older adults.

4 SECTION 3. The executive office on aging, in consultation  
5 with the city and county of Honolulu, shall submit a progress  
6 report of the intergenerational playground pilot program to the  
7 legislature and the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu no  
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2016, 2017,  
9 and 2018 regular sessions. After the final year of the  
10 intergenerational playground pilot program, a final report shall  
11 be submitted to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
12 to the convening of the regular session of 2019, to include:

- 13 (1) Factors used to determine the location of the  
14 intergenerational playground;
- 15 (2) Costs of the program, including design, equipment, and  
16 construction costs;
- 17 (3) Annual cost of the program, including information on  
18 the durability of intergenerational playground  
19 equipment and repair and maintenance costs of the  
20 playground;

- 1           (4) Potential liability issues associated with the
- 2                   intergenerational playground, if any;
- 3           (5) Recommendations regarding the continuation or
- 4                   expansion of the intergenerational playground pilot
- 5                   program, including estimated costs to plan, design,
- 6                   construct, and maintain any additional playgrounds, as
- 7                   well as the counties in which the additional
- 8                   playgrounds will be established;
- 9           (6) Recommendations to incorporate the intergenerational
- 10                  playground pilot program in the Hawaii state plan on
- 11                  aging; and
- 12           (7) Recommendations regarding any necessary legislation
- 13                  for the continuation or expansion of the
- 14                  intergenerational playground pilot program.

15           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for  
18 the intergenerational playground pilot program.

19           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive  
20 office on aging for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and  
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2019.



**Report Title:**

Seniors; Executive Office on Aging; Intergenerational  
Playground; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Executive Office on Aging and the city and county of Honolulu to establish a three-year intergenerational playground pilot program. Requires reports to the Legislature and the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu. Appropriates funds. Repeals on June 30, 2019. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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