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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

**PART I**

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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 \$5,100,000 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 person-centered process  
8 intended to navigate and streamline access to long-term services  
9 and supports for older adults, individuals with disabilities,  
10 and family caregivers. The legislature additionally finds that  
11 proper 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 \$1,710,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
21 aging and disability resource center.





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 \$32,000 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.

20 PART IV



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

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

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

20 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$485,880 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
2 healthy aging partnership program of the department of health's  
3 executive office on aging.

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

6 PART V

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

18 With the significantly high number of individuals affected  
19 by Alzheimer's disease as a person having the disease or as a  
20 caregiver, and the substantial projected increase by 2025, there  
21 is a need for a coordinated and prepared support system to



1 address the multitude of issues arising from addressing the  
2 disease. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease*  
3 *and Related Dementias* identifies strategies to address the  
4 disease, the services and activities require coordination at a  
5 systemic level, such as through a coordinator position.

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

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

18 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$70,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the



1 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator  
2 position, exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

5 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for an  
8 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness  
9 campaign that will utilize various media sources to positively  
10 promote adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
11 with dignity and respect and highlight caregivers as  
12 compassionate individuals who champion the health and well-being  
13 of their loved ones.

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

16 PART VI

17 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Part I: Appropriates \$5,100,000 for the kupuna care program. Part II: Appropriates \$1,710,000 for the aging and disability resource center. Part III: Appropriates \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates \$485,880 for the healthy aging partnership program. Part V: Appropriates \$70,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position and appropriates \$200,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program. (SD1)

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