
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's
2 infrastructure must be expanded to accommodate a broader range
3 of home- and community-based long-term care options for Hawaii's
4 rapidly growing elderly population. Hawaii's population of
5 individuals over sixty-five years of age is increasing at a rate
6 significantly higher than the national average, and the number
7 of nursing home beds available and Hawaii's home- and community-
8 based infrastructure do not adequately meet the State's chronic
9 care management needs. Helping the elderly remain in their
10 homes as they age reduces admission to costly institutional or
11 residential long-term care facilities.

12 The legislature further finds that a critical element for
13 the expansion of home- and community-based long-term care
14 options is the development of an adequate long-term care
15 workforce. An effective workforce development strategy that
16 places an emphasis on expanding affordable care options for the
17 elderly includes the following three components:



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- 1 (1) The paraprofessional worker: the department of labor
2 and industrial relations projects rapid growth rates
3 for various types of entry-level paraprofessional
4 healthcare workers and the State needs to expand its
5 capacity to meet these needs by improving its training
6 capability to meet both quantitative and qualitative
7 demands for the home- and community-based long-term
8 care workforce;
- 9 (2) Family caregivers: it is important that the State
10 prioritize family caregivers, as family caregivers
11 will represent a significant segment of the home-based
12 workforce and family caregiver education and training
13 is the most commonly expressed need at all levels of
14 the caregiving spectrum; and
- 15 (3) Active aging of the elderly: promoting active aging
16 requires a shift from viewing the elderly as being in
17 a state of dependency to viewing the State's kupuna as
18 a productive asset to society.

19 The legislature also finds that in 2006, the legislature
20 appropriated \$206,913 for Kapiolani community college to develop
21 a long-term care program to meet the demand for long-term



1 healthcare workers. The program, called the kupuna education
2 center, was developed and run through 2014, however currently
3 there is no staff at the center and no courses being offered.
4 The legislature believes that the University of Hawaii center on
5 aging is equipped to expand the quality and quantity of home-
6 and community-based long-term care workers, improve the support
7 and training of family caregivers, and promote active aging.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
9 long-term care training program within the University of Hawaii
10 center on aging to expand the State's workforce capacity for
11 home- and community-based care to effectively care for Hawaii's
12 aging population.

13 SECTION 2. There is established within the University of
14 Hawaii center on aging a long-term care training program that
15 shall contribute to:

- 16 (1) Expanding the quality and quantity of home- and
17 community-based long-term care workers in the State by
18 engaging in active research on the skills required for
19 this segment of the workforce, design of appropriate
20 curricula based on local industry standards, and



1 delivery of training through a variety of traditional
2 and technology-based methods;

3 (2) Improving the support and training of family
4 caregivers through the collection, development, and
5 dissemination of resource materials, as well as the
6 provision of training for informal family caregivers;
7 and

8 (3) Promoting active aging to harness the productivity of
9 the elderly in becoming a healthcare resource for
10 themselves and the community.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$206,913 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
14 University of Hawaii center on aging to establish a long-term
15 care training program.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
17 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii's center on aging to establish a long-term care training program.

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