
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. 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 Participants who complete workshops offered by the healthy aging
9 partnership feel better, are less limited by their health
10 conditions, and often spend less time at their doctor's office.
11 Because of the many accomplishments of the healthy aging
12 partnership program, the program received the 2013 multicultural
13 aging award from the American Society on Aging, bringing further
14 recognition for the program's role in improving the health of
15 Hawaii's diverse aging population.

16 The legislature further finds that the healthy aging
17 partnership program did not receive funding for fiscal year



1 2016-2017 and that without funds, the program will close and the
2 executive office on aging will not be able to meet the first
3 goal of the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, which strives to
4 maximize opportunities for older adults to age well, remain
5 active, and enjoy life in their communities.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
7 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
8 important role in improving the health and well-being of
9 Hawaii's kupuna.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$550,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2018-2019 for the healthy aging partnership program to further
15 the program's important role in improving the health and well-
16 being of Hawaii's kupuna.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
18 office on aging of the department of health for the purposes of
19 this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Healthy Aging Partnership; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the healthy aging partnership program to further the program's important role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

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