

JAN 19 2018

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 program has
6 successfully adapted evidence-based health promotion programs
7 and disease prevention programs for the multicultural population
8 in Hawaii. Participants who complete workshops offered by the
9 healthy aging partnership program feel better, are less limited
10 by their health conditions, and often spend less time at their
11 doctor's office. Because of the many accomplishments of the
12 healthy aging partnership program, the program received the 2013
13 multicultural aging award from the American Society on Aging.
14 This accomplishment brought further recognition to the program's
15 role in improving the health of Hawaii's diverse aging
16 population.



1 The legislature finds that the healthy aging partnership
2 program received funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 through Act
3 103, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017. However, the legislature
4 finds that, without funding in fiscal year 2018-2019, the
5 program will have to close and the executive office on aging
6 will not be able to meet the first goal of the Hawaii state plan
7 on aging, which strives to maximize opportunities for older
8 adults to age well, remain active, and enjoy life in their
9 communities.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
11 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
12 important role in improving the health and well-being of
13 Hawaii's kupuna.

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



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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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

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