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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's aging  
2 population, similar to the rest of the United States, is rapidly  
3 increasing as more and more residents born during the baby boom  
4 era of 1946-1964 turn sixty years of age. Between 1980 and  
5 2010, the number of adults in Hawaii over the age of sixty grew  
6 by 139.8 per cent, eclipsing the growth of the general  
7 population, which increased by 34.2 per cent during the same  
8 period. The increase in the number of adults in Hawaii over the  
9 age of eighty-five during this period is even more extreme at  
10 431.5 per cent. In addition, it is projected that Hawaii's  
11 adult population over the age of sixty will comprise 29.7 per  
12 cent of the total population by 2035.

13           This significant increase in Hawaii's elder population and  
14 the concomitant increase in demand for services, particularly  
15 those that allow for aging in place, will require an ongoing  
16 commitment to ensure that Hawaii's kupuna are adequately cared  
17 for.



1           The legislature finds that the kupuna care program was  
2 enacted in 1999 to help frail and vulnerable seniors age in  
3 place by leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in  
4 their own homes and communities. One of the principles of the  
5 program is that long-term care should be available to everyone,  
6 regardless of government or private insurance coverage or  
7 eligibility for other assistance programs, such as medicaid and  
8 supportive and nutrition services under Title III of the federal  
9 Older Americans Act. The kupuna care program is considered to  
10 be an alternative to traditional long-term care options and uses  
11 state funds to provide a continuum of home and community-based  
12 supports that form a safety net for all kupuna and their  
13 caregivers.

14           Access to the kupuna care program for all seniors is  
15 necessary to maintain a consistent continuum of care for  
16 vulnerable older persons, particularly as individuals' access to  
17 resources, support systems, and capacity change over time. The  
18 most successful programs for aging-in-place recognize and build  
19 upon integrated health and social services. Kupuna care  
20 consists of nine core services that support individuals in need  
21 of assistance to perform some of the basic and instrumental



1 activities of daily living. Basic activities of daily living  
2 include transferring from bed to chair, moving about within the  
3 home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and eating. Instrumental  
4 activities of daily living include preparing a meal, shopping,  
5 managing medications, laundry, using the telephone, managing  
6 money, housekeeping, and using available transportation. Kupuna  
7 care also provides core services, including personal care,  
8 homemaking, chores, home delivered meals, adult day care, case  
9 management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and  
10 attendant care.

11 In addition to these services, kupuna care clients may  
12 select services from a contracted provider or have the option  
13 for a participant-directed approach to home and community-based  
14 services. Individuals who are assessed and deemed eligible for  
15 kupuna care core services will have services authorized based on  
16 the needs identified within their respective individual support  
17 plan. In the participant-directed model, an individual  
18 exercises decision-making authority to use an allotment of  
19 public funds to purchase and manage a wide array of supports  
20 that meet the individual's unique needs and complement the



1 ongoing efforts of family caregivers and the individual's  
2 personal and financial resources.

3       The legislature further finds that funding for the kupuna  
4 care program is critical as the population aged sixty and older  
5 is increasing rapidly. The additional funding provided by this  
6 Act would enable the executive office on aging to target and  
7 triage additional clients according to each individual's  
8 vulnerability by utilizing the comprehensive person-centered  
9 intake and assessment tools developed statewide for targeting  
10 public supports to persons in greatest need.

11       The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the  
12 department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care  
13 program.

14       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,000,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2020-2021 to provide full funding of the kupuna care program;  
19 provided that any funds appropriated pursuant to this section  
20 shall be in addition to and shall not supplant any portion of  
21 the base budget of the executive office on aging.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of health for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program. (SD1)

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