

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 may engage in two evidenced-based
- 9 interventions. First, better choices better health ke ola
- 10 pono, also known nationwide as the chronic disease self-
- 11 management program, is an evidence-based program where
- 12 individuals with chronic or ongoing medical conditions can learn
- 13 how to effectively manage their health conditions to improve
- 14 their quality of life. The second intervention is
- 15 EnhanceFitness, which is an effective, research-driven exercise
- 16 program to improve the overall functional fitness and well-being
- 17 of older adults. Because of the many accomplishments of the

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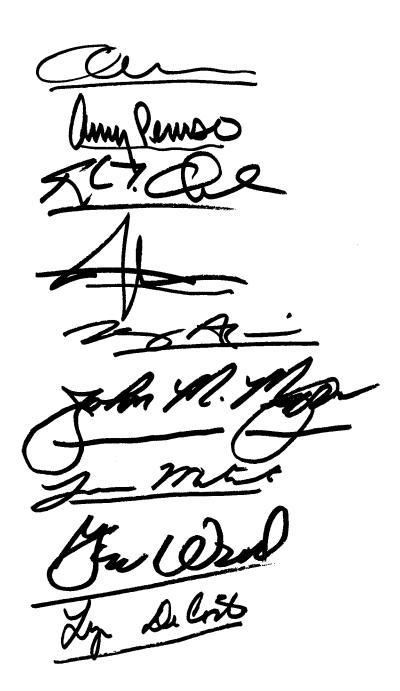
- 1 healthy aging partnership program, the program received the 2013
- 2 multicultural aging award from the American Society on Aging.
- 3 This accomplishment brought further recognition to the program's
- 4 role in improving the health of Hawaii's diverse aging
- 5 population.
- 6 The legislature finds that the healthy aging partnership
- 7 program received funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 through Act
- 8 103, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017. However, the program did not
- 9 receive funding for fiscal year 2018-2019. Without adequate
- 10 funding, the program will have to close and the executive office
- 11 on aging will not be able to meet the first goal of the Hawaii
- 12 state plan on aging, which strives to maximize opportunities for
- 13 older adults to age well, remain active, and enjoy life in their
- 14 communities.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 16 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
- important role in improving the health and well-being of
- 18 Hawaii's kupuna.
- 19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$605,000 or so much
- 21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the

- 1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 2 2020-2021 for the healthy aging partnership program to further
- 3 the program's important role in improving the health and well-
- 4 being of Hawaii's kupuna.
- 5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
- 6 office on aging of the department of health for the purposes of
- 7 this Act.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

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