
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, an effective, research-driven exercise program
16 to improve the overall functional fitness and well-being of
17 older adults. Because of the many accomplishments of the



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. The program did not receive
 9 funding for fiscal year 2018-2019 but received funding for
 10 fiscal year 2019-2020 through Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii
 11 2019. Without continued funding, the program will have to end
 12 and the executive office on aging will not be able to meet the
 13 first goal of the Hawaii state plan on aging, which strives to
 14 maximize opportunities for older adults to age well, remain
 15 active, and enjoy life in their communities.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds 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.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
2 the healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
3 important role in improving the health and well-being of
4 Hawaii's kupuna.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
9 2059.



Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Healthy Aging Partnership; Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation

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. Effective 12/31/2059. (HD1)

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