

JAN 18 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Alzheimer's disease
2 is a large and growing epidemic significantly impacting Hawaii.
3 More than six million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's
4 disease, a figure expected to reach 12.7 million in 2050. In
5 2019, Alzheimer's disease was the sixth leading cause of death
6 in America, with deaths from the disease increasing one hundred
7 forty-five per cent between 2000 and 2019.

8 In 2021, caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or
9 other dementias provided approximately sixteen billion hours of
10 informal care at an economic value of approximately \$271.6
11 billion. More than thirty per cent of seniors in assisted
12 living facilities have Alzheimer's disease or other dementias,
13 and one-third of home health care and adult day care recipients
14 have Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Average per-person
15 medicaid spending for seniors with Alzheimer's disease or other
16 dementias is twenty-two times greater than average per-person
17 medicaid spending across all seniors without dementia. By 2050,



1 spending on those with Alzheimer's disease will total almost
2 \$1,000,000,000,000.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for an
4 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health
5 campaign.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2024-2025 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
11 public health campaign that educates the public on early signs
12 of cognitive impairment, the value of early detection and
13 diagnosis, and benefits of discussing changes in memory and
14 thinking with health care professionals, including the
15 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Alzheimer's
16 disease and related dementias services coordinator position
17 within the executive office on aging.

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

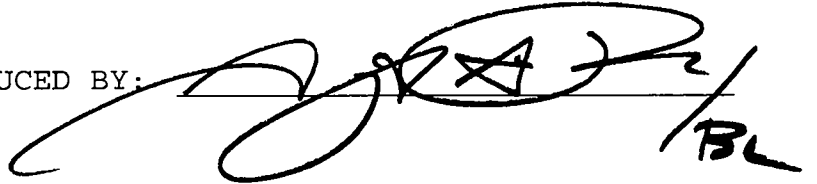


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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S.B. NO. 163

Report Title:

Alzheimer's Disease; Dementias; Public Health Campaign; Services Coordinator; Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign, including the establishment of an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias services coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging.

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