

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Alzheimer's disease is a large and growing epidemic that has a huge impact in Hawaii. More than six million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, a figure expected to reach 12.7 million in 2050. In 2019, Alzheimer's disease was the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, with deaths from the disease having risen by one hundred forty-five per cent between 2000 and 2019.

The legislature further finds that the impact of Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii is projected to rise. According to data from the Alzheimer's Association, twenty-nine thousand people aged sixty-five and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, 6.7 per cent of people aged forty-five and older have subjective cognitive decline, and fifty-two thousand family caregivers bear the burden of caring for someone having Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii. In 2020, family members and friends of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia in the State provided eighty-three million hours of care at an economic value of nearly \$1,700,000,000.

The legislature additionally finds that one-third of recipients of home health care and adult day care have Alzheimer's disease. The average per-person medicaid spending for seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia is twenty-three times greater than the average per-person medicaid spending across all seniors without dementia. In total, caring for people having Alzheimer's disease generated an estimated medicaid cost of \$59,000,000,000 in 2021. Between 2020 and 2025, thirty states will see medicaid spending on people having Alzheimer's disease increase by at least twenty per cent, before adjusting for inflation. By 2050, medicaid spending on those people having Alzheimer's disease will total an estimated \$199,000,000,000, based on current dollars.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the executive office on aging to create an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the executive office on aging of the department of health to create and implement an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign to educate the public on:

- (1) The early signs of cognitive impairment;
- (2) The value of early detection and diagnosis of cognitive impairment;  
and
- (3) The importance of discussing with health care professionals any changes in memory and thinking.

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

SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1,<sup>1</sup> will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or 10 per cent. In addi-

tion, the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$1,000,000 or 1 per cent. The combined total amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,064,767,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest; and
- (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs addressed by this Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

(Approved July 7, 2023.)

**Note**

1. Act 164.