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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The delivery of long term care in Hawaii has  
2           characteristically been uncoordinated, making it difficult for  
3           consumers to obtain information about long term care options and  
4           services. Much of this has to do with the fact that different  
5           programs have their own eligibility requirements, funding  
6           mandates, care benefits, provider participation regulations,  
7           administrative structure, and service delivery mechanisms.  
8           Consequently, it is difficult to coordinate a comprehensive  
9           continuum of long term care (ranging from nursing homes to home  
10          and community-based services) for the elderly and the disabled.

11          In 2005, Hawaii was selected to receive a grant from the  
12          United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop  
13          an aging and disability resource center program. The grant is  
14          intended to help Hawaii develop "one-stop shop" programs at the  
15          community level that can serve as the entry point to the long  
16          term services and support system. The vision is to have  
17          resource centers in every community serving as highly visible



1 and trusted places where people can turn for information on the  
2 full range of long term care support options, and with a  
3 streamlined process for screening, intake, assessment, and  
4 eligibility determination. Long term care support refers to a  
5 wide range of in-home, community-based, and institutional  
6 services and programs that are designed to help individuals with  
7 disabilities.

8 The executive office on aging, in partnership with the  
9 Hawaii county office of aging and the city and county of  
10 Honolulu elderly affairs division, is already developing an  
11 aging and disability resource center in Hawaii county. The  
12 three year project commenced in October, 2005, and is due for  
13 completion by September, 2008. A second resource center is  
14 planned for the city and county of Honolulu. A state advisory  
15 board has already been established to provide public input and  
16 feedback on the project development, and to develop a statewide  
17 access plan for future replication. Each project will also have  
18 its own steering committee or advisory board at the county level  
19 to assist in the specific site development.

20 The Hawaii county project received additional funding from  
21 the Hawaii county council, with support from the Hawaii county  
22 mayor, to enable the project to lease the former Sun Sun Lau



1 Chinese Restaurant in Hilo as the physical site. Renovations  
2 are currently underway at the Hilo site with a target completion  
3 date of mid-2007. The Hawaii county office of aging will co-  
4 locate in this centralized facility with other aging and  
5 disability services and providers, including the department of  
6 human services (medicaid program), the Hawaii Center of  
7 Independent Living, and the Legal Aid Society.

8 The city and county of Honolulu project will initially be a  
9 virtual site. It will build upon the city and county of  
10 Honolulu elderly affairs division's current senior hotline  
11 telephone information and assistance program, and will develop a  
12 comprehensive resource website. The overall goal is to  
13 eventually establish aging and disability resource center sites  
14 in all of the counties to provide statewide access.

15 The legislature finds that the aging and disability  
16 resource center program will improve access to long term care  
17 information and options for both the elderly and the disabled by  
18 facilitating their search for needed services.

19 The purpose of this Act is to support the aging and  
20 disability resource center program by appropriating funds to  
21 supplement its development. The funds shall be used to:



- 1           (1) Contract with a state management information  
2           consultant to:
  - 3           (A) Identify management information system needs;
  - 4           (B) Assist with vendor selection;
  - 5           (C) Ensure compliance with management information  
6           system requirements;
  - 7           (D) Provide resources and technical assistance for  
8           project evaluation, intake, and database  
9           development;
  - 10          (E) Troubleshoot technical problems; and
  - 11          (F) Assist with systems integration;
- 12          (2) Purchase additional management information system  
13          products, including software licensing, server  
14          clusters, installation, staff training, computer  
15          hardware, and technical support;
- 16          (3) Install a statewide toll-free telephone system for the  
17          public to contact the aging and disability resource  
18          center sites. This includes the installation of the  
19          single server number, telephone equipment, cable  
20          lines, phone system upgrades, and special equipment  
21          for the blind and deaf consumers;



1 (4) Coordinate and implement consumer education and  
2 outreach campaigns, including outreach coordination,  
3 the production and printing of brochures and posters,  
4 media ads, presentations and exhibits at senior and  
5 disability events or focal centers, bilingual  
6 translation, and other promotional activities that  
7 will educate the consumers and general public about  
8 aging and disability resource center services;

9 (5) Continue the coordination and implementation of the  
10 Hawaii county site;

11 (6) Continue the coordination and implementation of the  
12 Honolulu county site; and

13 (7) Continue the state-level coordination and evaluation  
14 activities of the project.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$370,000, or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
18 sum of \$230,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
19 fiscal year 2008-2009, to supplement the development of the  
20 aging and disability resource center program.

21 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
22 department of health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Long Term Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to assist with the development of the aging and disability resource center program.

