THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 2830 S.D. 2 H.D. 1

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

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

1	PART I. JOINT LEGISLATIVE
2	COMMITTEE ON FAMILY CAREGIVING
3	SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds that during the 2007
4	interim, the joint legislative committee on family caregiving
5	continued its work on creating a comprehensive and sustainable,
6	community-based family caregiver support system that includes:
7	(1) A coordinated referral and case management service;
8	(2) Centralization of available services;
9	(3) Volunteers;
10	(4) Education and training; and
11	(5) Financial assistance.
12	During the 2007 interim, the joint legislative committee
13	examined localized studies and surveys, some of which contained
14	preliminary results, which provided concrete evidence of the
15	needs of family caregivers. The joint legislative committee
16	also studied what other states have done and are doing in
17	response to the growing concern regarding eldercare issues.



1	(b)	The purpose of this part is to:
2	(1)	Extend the work of the joint legislative committee on
3		family caregiving for one year and require the
4		committee to submit a report of its findings and
5		recommendations to the legislature prior to the
6		convening of the 2009 regular session;
7	(2)	Change the name of the joint legislative committee to
8		the "joint legislative committee on aging in place";
9		and
10	(3)	Require the aging and disability resource center to
11		provide the joint legislative committee with an update
12		on the physical site for the center in Hawaii county
13		and the "virtual" site in the city and county of
14		Honolulu.
15	SECT	ION 2. Act 285, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, as
16	amended by	y Act 204, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is amended by
17	amending	section 2 to read as follows:
18	"SEC	TION 2. (a) There is established a joint legislative
19	committee	on [family caregiving.] aging in place. The committee
20	shall be	composed of eight members as follows:
21	(1)	Four members of the house of representatives,
22		consisting of three members from the majority party



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1		and one member from the minority party, who shall be		
2		appointed by the speaker of the house of		
3		representatives; and		
4	(2)	Four members of the senate, consisting of three		
5		members from the majority party and one member from		
6		the minority party, who shall be appointed by the		
7		president of the senate.		
8	The	committee shall select a chairperson from its		
9	membershi	p.		
10	(b)	The joint legislative committee shall develop		
11	comprehensive public policy to strengthen support for family			
12	caregiver	s. For purposes of this Act, "family caregiver" means:		
13	(1)	A person, including a non-relative such as a friend or		
14		neighbor, who provides unpaid, informal assistance to		
15		a person age sixty and older with physical or		
16		cognitive disabilities; and		
17	(2)	A grandparent who is a caregiver for a grandchild who		
18		is age eighteen years or younger, or who is nineteen		
19		years of age or older with physical or cognitive		
20		limitations.		
21	(c)	The joint legislative committee shall:		
22	(1)	Consider providing support in categories including:		



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1		(A)	Coordinated services and policies;
2		(B)	Training and education;
3		(C)	Respite services;
4		(D)	Financial incentives; and
5		(E)	Balancing work and caregiving; [and]
6		and	
7	(2)	Expl	ore establishing a paid family leave program under
8		the	state temporary disability insurance law, similar
9		to t	he California Paid Family Leave Program, to
10		prov	ide wage replacement benefits to employees who
11		take	time off from work to care for a seriously ill
12		fami	ly member.
13	(d)	The	joint legislative committee may explore issues of
14	"aging in	plac	e" as they relate to family caregiving.
15	<u>(e)</u>	The	Hawaii aging and disability resource center shall
16	provide a	n upd	ate to the joint legislative committee of its
17	developme	nt an	d implementation of the physical site for the
18	center in	the	county of Hawaii, and the "virtual" site planned
19	for the c	ity a	nd county of Honolulu.
20	[(d)] <u>(f</u>)	The joint legislative committee shall seek input
21	from the	depar	tment of health, the department of human services,
22	the depar	tment	of taxation, the University of Hawaii, the
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executive office on aging, and the elderly, disability, 1 business, and faith-based communities. 2 [(e)] (g) The joint legislative committee shall submit its 3 findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than 4 5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 6 2007 [and], 2008[-], and 2009. 7 $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ (h) The joint legislative committee shall cease to exist on June 30, [2008.] 2009." 8 PART II. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAREGIVING 9 SECTION 3. The cash and counseling program is a national 10 initiative sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; the 11 United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of 12 the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; and the 13 14 Administration on Aging. Under the program, recipients of 15 medicaid personal care services or home- and community-based services receive a flexible monthly allowance and can decide 16 whom to hire and what services to receive. The program's 17 18 innovative approach enables participants to direct and manage 19 their personal assistance services according to their own specific needs. Participants can choose a family member or 20 friend, in lieu of an agency worker, to provide the services. 21 They receive counseling and fiscal assistance to help them 22 SB2830 HD1 HMS 2008-3036

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manage their allowance and responsibilities. The program was
 first implemented in Arkansas, New Jersey, and Florida, and has
 since expanded to include other states.

4 During the 2007 interim, the joint legislative committee on 5 family caregiving received information and data related to the 6 family caregiver needs assessment conducted by the executive 7 office on aging, and cash and counseling research conducted by 8 the executive office on aging and the University of Hawaii school of social work. The family caregiver needs assessment 9 10 indicated that caregivers need more affordable services and 11 financial assistance. The cash and counseling research 12 demonstrated that those states that have cash and counseling programs reported high satisfaction by both caregivers and care 13 14 recipients and allowed informal caregivers to receive financial recognition for their services. 15

In Hawaii, there are out-of-pocket costs for families to pay for home- and community-based programs that are available for elders and persons with disabilities. The government pays for services for those who have lower incomes and qualify for medicaid. However, a majority of Hawaii's families are ineligible for public assistance and have to carry the financial burdens of caregiving. This leaves a gap in services for those



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elders of modest means. As a result, this group of individuals
 has the least coverage in terms of home- and community-based
 services.

The work on cash and counseling being conducted by the executive office on aging and the University of Hawaii school of social work will continue until the end of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The research conducted to date shows that a cash and counseling project is worth pursuing, and it is essential to continue the work in developing phase two of a cash and counseling project, which can be completed by the end of 2008.

11 SECTION 4. The joint legislative committee on aging in 12 place shall design a cash and counseling project for non-13 medicaid participants to direct and manage their personal 14 assistance services according to their own specific needs, while 15 enabling family caregivers to receive a level of financial 16 recognition and support. In designing a cash and counseling 17 project, the joint legislative committee may consider including 18 a respite care component, a case management component, a 19 separate fiscal agent, a personal care component, and allowing 20 the consumer to be the employer of any service provider, whether 21 an agency or family member.



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The joint legislative committee may contract with a
 qualified consultant to assist in designing a cash and
 counseling project.

4 A contract executed pursuant to this section and section 5 5 of this Act shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised 6 Statutes; provided that the joint legislative committee shall 7 endeavor to ensure transparency in the letting of the contract. 8 The project shall include an advisory group to assist with 9 the design of the cash and counseling project. To ensure that 10 those who have the greatest need and the fewest resources are able to use the program, the advisory group shall examine 11

12 whether an asset limitation or restriction on consumers shall be 13 implemented in the design of a cash and counseling project.

14 The joint legislative committee on aging in place shall
15 report on the results of its efforts to design a cash and
16 counseling project as part of its report to the legislature
17 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for 21 the joint legislative committee on aging in place, which may 22 contract with a qualified consultant, to design a cash and



1 counseling project, pursuant to section 4 of this Act. The sum 2 appropriated shall be allocated as follows: 3 Senate \$ 4 House of representatives \$ 5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the senate and 6 house of representatives to assist the joint legislative 7 committee on aging in place for the purposes of this part. 8 PART III. KUPUNA CARE 9 SECTION 6. (a) On July 1, 1999, the executive office on 10 aging launched its statewide long-term care program called 11 kupuna care. Kupuna care was developed in partnership with the 12 county area agencies-on-aging to address the growing numbers of 13 elders with long-term care needs. 14 Services provided by kupuna care are intended to help meet 15 the needs of older adults who cannot live at home without 16 adequate help from family or formal services, and includes 17 services such as adult day care, respite care, assisted 18 transportation, attendant care, case management, chores, home-19 delivered meals, homemaker, transportation, and personal care. 20 Kupuna care was designed to assist, not totally support, 21 Hawaii's older adults to live independently, safely, and 22 healthily for as long as possible. The care may cover United SB2830 HD1 HMS 2008-3036

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States citizens or legal aliens sixty years or older who are not
 receiving other comparable government assistance, who need help
 with activities of daily living (eating, dressing, bathing,
 toileting, transferring, and mobility), or because they have
 reduced mental capacity, and who are not residing in an
 institution.

7 Voluntary contributions to the service provider are welcome for any service provided and are used to support the cost of 8 9 care of additional clients. In addition to the services 10 provided to the elderly, kupuna care also offers services for 11 the family caregivers of their elderly clients. As Hawaii's 12 population ages, many more families will be providing higher 13 levels of long-term care to frail and disabled older adults at 14 home. For many family caregivers, their role as family 15 caregiver arises as suddenly as the care recipient's health 16 declines, leaving family caregivers with an immediate need for 17 services, but little preparation or education regarding who to 18 contact for assistance or what services are available to them. In addition, family caregivers may not know who is capable or 19 20 qualified to provide them with the services that they or the care recipients need. Family caregivers themselves need support 21

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services, including training, education, and counseling in areas
 such as caregiving and dealing with end-of-life issues.

3 In addition, there are emotional, physical, and financial costs of being a family caregiver. Younger family caregivers 4 5 are often in critical need of finding ways to reduce the stress 6 caused by caregiving. Respite has been shown to reduce stress 7 and other negative consequences of caregiving. The State of 8 Hawaii Caregivers Need Assessment (2007) indicates that respite 9 is something that family caregivers need. Besides the everyday 10 stress that respite can relieve, there are times when a family 11 caregiver may unexpectedly be unable to provide the needed 12 caregiving services due to the family caregiver's own illness, 13 accident, or other reasons. At these times, emergency respite 14 care becomes critical.

The needs assessment also indicates that family caregivers need financial support as they carry the heavy financial burdens of caring for a loved one. In addition, both family caregivers and care recipients need financial assistance to make necessary home modifications that enable the care recipient to age in place.

21 The legislature finds that the kupuna care program can
22 expand its services and incorporate progressive ways of meeting SB2830 HD1 HMS 2008-3036



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1	the growin	ng nee	eds of Hawaii's older adults and allow these
2	individua	ls to	age in place.
3	(b)	In ad	dition to current kupuna care operation and
4	services,	the p	ourpose of this part is to:
5	(1)	Allow	the kupuna care program to:
6		(A)	Offer emergency, overnight, and weekend respite
7			services;
8		(B)	Provide grants for home modifications that
9			facilitate aging in place pursuant to a care plan
10			as part of a cash and counseling approach; and
11		(C)	Provide grants to family caregivers pursuant to a
12			care plan as part of a cash and counseling
13			approach;
14		and	
15	(2)	Incre	ease program funding for kupuna care to ensure
16		that	kupuna care continues to maintain the quality of
17		life	of Hawaii's older adults and their family
18		careg	givers.
19	SECT:	ION 7.	The kupuna care program, as administered by the
20	executive	offic	e on aging, may, in addition to its current
21	operation	and s	services:



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1	(1)	Offer emergency, overnight, and weekend respite		
2		services;		
3	(2)	Provide grants for home modifications that facilitate	2	
4		aging in place pursuant to a care plan as part of a		
5		cash and counseling approach; and		
6	(3)	Provide grants to family caregivers pursuant to a car	e	
7		plan as part of a cash and counseling approach.		
8	SECT	ION 8. There is appropriated out of the general		
9	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so muc	h	
10	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to addres	S	
11	the kupun	a care program waitlist and for the expansion of the		
12	kupuna ca	re program, in general.		
13	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive			
14	office on aging for the purposes of this Act.			
15	PART	IV. GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN TASK FORCE		
16	SECT	ION 9. (a) Act 204, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act		
17	204), exp	anded the mandate of the joint legislative committee o	n	
18	family ca	regiving by including grandparents of children aged		
19	eighteen	years and younger, or nineteen years of age or older		
20	with phys	ical or cognitive limitations, in Act 204's definition		
21	of family	caregiver. The revised definition is now more		
22	consisten	t with the scope of the National Family Caregiver		
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Support Program. Act 204 also required the joint legislative
 committee to examine the issues facing this population of
 grandparents raising grandchildren.

Since then, numerous government agencies have testified before the joint legislative committee regarding how the agencies identify and address the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. In addition, the executive office on aging presented the 2007 Needs Assessment of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in the State of Hawaii, prepared by the University of Hawaii's department of family and consumer science.

The needs assessment indicates that, in Hawaii, more than 11 12 14,000 grandparents are the primary caregivers for more than 33,000 grandchildren, and that these numbers are expected to 13 14 grow. While there is a wide range of service needs within this 15 population, the most often-cited are those that relate to 16 children's programs, financial assistance, respite, and 17 grandparents' rights. Many of these services are available, but 18 barriers are preventing grandparents from accessing them. 19 Barriers may include:

(1) A lack of information regarding the availability of

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22 (2) A lack of services in a particular county; or



services;

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1	(3) Legal or financial impediments.		
2	For instance, in focus groups, some grandparents expressed a		
3	fear of losing their grandchildren. Others identified a need		
4	for an advocate or case worker to help guide them to the		
5	services and through the various systems.		
6	(b) The legislature finds that the needs assessment		
7	provides critical demographic information and feedback regarding		
8	what programs and services grandparents require to care for		
9	their grandchildren. The findings indicate that the population		
10	of grandparents raising grandchildren faces particular		
11	challenges, different in some ways from the general caregiver		
12	population, and should have a focused task force to specifically		
13	address those concerns. The legislature further finds that a		
14	comprehensive, coordinated effort is needed to identify:		
15	(1) The services that exist to meet the identified needs;		
16	(2) Any service deficiencies;		
17	(3) Barriers that prevent grandparents from accessing		
18	services; and		
19	(4) What can be done to facilitate the provision of		
20	services to grandparents raising grandchildren.		



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1	(C)	The purpose of this part is to establish a task force
2	to focus	specifically on the needs and issues of grandparents
3	raising g	randchildren.
4	SECT	ION 10. (a) There is established a grandparents
5	raising g	randchildren task force to focus on the needs and
6	issues of	grandparents raising grandchildren. The task force
7	shall con	sist of a representative of:
8	(1)	The University of Hawaii's center on aging research
9		and education to serve as co-chair;
10	(2)	The University of Hawaii's college of tropical
11		agriculture and human resources to serve as co-chair;
12	(3)	The department of education;
13	(4)	The department of human services;
14	(5)	The department of health's executive office on aging;
15	(6)	The department of public safety;
16	(7)	The judiciary;
17	(8)	The department of the attorney general's child support
18		enforcement agency;
19	(9)	Each area office on aging;
20	(10)	The policy advisory board for elder affairs;
21	(11)	Na Tutu Coalition;
22	(12)	Queen Liliʻuokalani Children's Center;



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1	(13)	Legal Aid Society of Hawaii;
2	(14)	Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii;
3	(15)	Partners in Development; and
4	(16)	An individual who is a grandparent.
5	(b)	In assessing the needs and issues of grandparents
6	raising g	randchildren, the task force shall, among other things:
7	(1)	Review the 2007 Needs Assessment of Grandparents
8		Raising Grandchildren in the State of Hawaii, prepared
9		by the University of Hawaii's department of family and
10		consumer science;
11	(2)	Review the most recent Four Year State Plan on Aging
12		submitted to the United States Administration on Aging
13		by the executive office on aging and the area agencies
14		on aging;
15	(3)	Review the testimony of the various agencies submitted
16		to the joint legislative committee on family
17		caregiving at its hearing on August 16, 2007,
18		regarding issues facing grandparents raising
19		grandchildren;
20	(4)	Review laws relating to issues of grandparents raising
21		grandchildren, including:



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1		(A) Section 302A-482, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2		regarding the affidavit for caregiver consent,
3		which permits a caregiver, under certain
4		circumstances, to enroll a minor in school and
5		consent to participation in curricular and
6		co-curricular activities;
7		(B) Chapter 571, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding
8		child custody and support; and
9		(C) Chapter 587, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding
10	x	child protective services;
11	(5)	Review the memorandum prepared by the department of
12		education to guide school personnel when enrolling
13		students who reside with caregivers;
14	(6)	Review the support and services offered to caregivers
15		by the department of education through its
16		comprehensive student support system;
17	(7)	Investigate whether a need arises when a minor
18		residing, formally or informally, with a grandparent
19		requires consent for medical service, including when a
20		student needs consent for programs and services under
21		the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act or
22		Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

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1	(8)	Investigate the issues that arise when a minor
2		residing formally or informally with a grandparent is
3		returned to the custody of a parent;
4	(9)	Investigate any housing issues that may arise when a
5		grandparent is raising a grandchild, particularly when
6		the grandparent resides in senior housing, and
7		identify any state or federal laws or rules that would
8		render a grandparent cohabiting with a grandchild
9		ineligible for housing under a particular scheme;
10	(10)	Review how each area office on aging allocates the
11		federal funds it receives under the national family
12		caregiver support program for grandparent programs;
13	(11)	Identify the agencies that collect data relating to
14	× •	grandparents raising grandchildren and determine
15		whether the data can be more comprehensive, uniform,
16		and readily available or exchanged; and
17	(12)	Identify legal needs and whether these needs are being
18		adequately addressed.
19	(c)	The task force shall submit an interim report to the
20	legislatu	re and the joint legislative committee no later than
21	twenty day	ys prior to the convening of the 2009 regular session
22	and a find	al report to the legislature and the joint legislative
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committee on aging in place no later than twenty days prior to 1 2 June 30, 2009. The final report shall include, to the greatest 3 extent possible: A list of the services that exist in each county to 4 (1)5 meet grandparents' identified needs; A discussion of service deficiencies in each county; 6 (2)7 A discussion of identifiable barriers that prevent (3) 8 grandparents from accessing services; 9 (4)A summary of the task force's work and any findings 10 regarding the task force's responsibilities as detailed in section 10(b) of this Act; and 11 Recommendations, including any proposed legislation. 12 (5) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2009. 13 (d) 14 PART V. RESPITE CARE SECTION 11. The joint legislative committee on family 15 16 caregiving has been diligent in its role to strengthen support 17 to family caregivers through respite care. The legislative 18 reference bureau conducted a study pursuant to House Concurrent 19 Resolution No. 187, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, regarding how other states address the issue of respite care. The report 20 indicates that respite is beneficial in ameliorating stress and 21 22 other negative consequences of caregiving. Additionally, a



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comprehensive family caregiver needs assessment conducted
 pursuant to Act 204, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, indicated that
 respite care is one of the top choices of assistance that
 caregivers feel would be helpful.

5 Respite care can relieve the everyday stress of providing 6 round-the-clock care. However, there are times when emergency 7 respite care becomes critical in instances where a family 8 caregiver is unexpectedly unable to provide care because of 9 illness, an accident, or other reasons.

10 The legislature finds that more needs to be done to 11 determine the full inventory of respite care providers and the 12 specific types of respite care provided in the state. The types 13 of respite care can include planned respite care, short-term 14 respite, or emergency respite care. Additionally, although respite services may be available, caregivers are not always 15 16 aware that these services are offered or may not know where to 17 go to seek assistance.

18 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to the 19 executive office on aging to continue its respite inventory 20 project pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 (2007), 21 in collaboration with the University of Hawaii school of social 22 work.

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1	SECI	TION 12. There is appropriated out of the general					
2	revenues	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so					
3	much ther	ceof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for					
4	the execu	tive office on aging, in collaboration with the					
5	Universit	cy of Hawaii school of social work, to:					
6	(1)	Continue to conduct an inventory of respite services					
7		in Hawaii;					
8	(2)	Propose a definition of "respite care";					
9	(3)	Establish more detailed descriptions of each of the					
10		various types of respite services provided in the					
11		state; and					
12	(4)	Review the legislative reference bureau's 2007 report					
13		on respite policies in other states to identify the					
14		most promising approaches for Hawaii to support					
15		expanding respite services, including how much support					
16		is financed, what types of respite are provided and to					
17		whom, and who performs the respite services.					
18	The	sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of					
19	health's	executive office on aging for the purposes of this					
20	part.						



1	PART VI. CARE HOME PAYMENTS		
2	SECTION 13. Section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
3	amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:		
4	"(c) The director, pursuant to chapter 91, shall determine		
5	the rate of payment for domiciliary care, including care		
6	provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary		
7	nomes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult		
8	oster homes, to be provided to recipients who are eligible for		
9	Pederal Supplementary Security Income or public assistance, or		
10	ooth. The director shall provide for level of care payment as		
11	Follows:		
12	(1) [For] <u>Beginning on July 1, 2008, for</u> adult residential		
13	care homes classified as facility type I, licensed		
14	developmental disabilities domiciliary homes as		
15	defined under section 321-15.9, community care foster		
16	family homes as defined under section 346-331, and		
17	certified adult foster homes as defined under section		
18	321-11.2, the state supplemental payment shall not		
19	exceed [\$641.90;] <u>\$686.83;</u>		
20	(2) [For] <u>Beginning on July 1, 2008, for</u> adult residential		
21	care homes classified as facility type II, the state		



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1		supplemental payment shall not exceed [\$749.90;]	
2		\$802.39; and	
3	(3)	For skilled nursing facilities and intermediate	
4		facilities, the state supplemental payment shall not	
5		exceed \$20.	
6	If the operator does not provide the quality of care		
7	consistent with the needs of the individual to the satisfaction		
8	of the department, the department may remove the recipient to		
9	another facility.		
10	The department shall handle abusive practices under this		
11	section in accordance with chapter 91.		
12	Nothing in this subsection shall allow the director to		
13	remove a recipient from an adult residential care home or other		
14	similar institution if the recipient does not desire to be		
15	removed and the operator is agreeable to the recipient		
16	remaining, except where the recipient requires a higher level of		
17	care than	provided or where the recipient no longer requires any	
18	domiciliary care."		
19	SECT	ION 14. There is appropriated out of the general	

20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for



increases in level of care payments as provided for in section 1
 of this Act.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of4 human services for the purposes of this part.

5 PART VII
6 SECTION 15. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2008;
9 provided that sections 5, 8, 12, and 14 shall take effect on
10 July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; Kupuna Care; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force; Respite Care; Appropriations

Description:

Extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving; changes the committee's name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place; expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the aging and disability resource center to report to the committee; requires the joint legislative committee to develop a model for a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the joint legislative committee; allows kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to careqivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the kupuna care program; establishes a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii. Increases payments for level of care for ARCH types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by 7% from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II homes. (SB2830 HD1)

