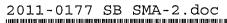
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The State's kupuna care program (kupuna care)
- 2 was established in 1999 to address the needs of the aging
- 3 population and the issues arising from those needs. The program
- 4 is home- and community-based, designed to address the increasing
- 5 need for affordable long-term care and the desire of the elderly
- 6 to age in place. Kupuna care is an alternative to traditional
- 7 long-term care options, which are often more costly, and the
- 8 program fills an important gap in assistance for the elderly in
- 9 Hawaii.
- 10 Along with an aging population come issues relating to
- 11 disease. Several of kupuna care's core services, including
- 12 adult day care, attendant care, and personal care, address
- 13 problems brought on by diseases and other health-related issues.
- 14 Among the more common diseases that Hawaii's elderly battle are
- 15 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The Alzheimer's
- 16 Association, Aloha Chapter, estimates that twenty-eight thousand
- 17 Hawaii residents suffer from Alzheimer's disease and related
- 18 dementia. Further, the Alzheimer's Association reports that



- 1 Alzheimer's disease is an illness of long duration, often
- 2 lasting eight to twelve years. Six out of ten people with
- 3 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia will wander during the
- 4 course of their illness. Wandering can be dangerous and
- 5 sometimes fatal, and causes stress among caregivers and family
- 6 members.
- 7 The legislature finds that there are registration services,
- 8 such as MedicAlert + Safe Return, through which individuals who
- 9 wander can be more easily located, identified, and returned
- 10 safely to their families. This and similar services also aid
- 11 police and other first responders in the safe return of elders
- 12 who are found but who cannot remember essential contact
- 13 information.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to support the kupuna care
- 15 program by appropriating funds as a grant to the Alzheimer's
- 16 Association, Aloha Chapter, to support and promote participation
- 17 in elder registration services in the State.
- 18 SECTION 2. 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 2011-2012 and
- 21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- year 2012-2013 as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii



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- 2 Association, Inc., dba Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter,
- 3 to:
- 4 (1) Support and promote an elder wanderer's registration
- 5 service, as a component of the kupuna care program, in
- 6 the State to protect individuals with Alzheimer's
- 7 disease and related dementia;
- 8 (2) Conduct targeted outreach throughout the State to
- 9 increase enrollment in the State of Hawaii in the
- national wanderer's registry and offer scholarships
- and subsidies to low-income families, as defined by
- the United States Department of Health and Human
- 13 Services' 2010 poverty guidelines for Hawaii, who want
- to enroll in the registry;
- (3) Conduct annual training for first responders and other
- 16 community members to increase awareness and provide
- ongoing education on best practices for search and
- rescue efforts for people with dementia; and
- 19 (4) When authorized by the family, issue customized
- 20 updates and information through social media to
- 21 provide alerts to community members and assist with
- search and rescue efforts.

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- 1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 2 of human services for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant to the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, to support and promote participation in elder registration services to protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

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