

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii healthy
- 2 aging partnership program was established in 2003 to improve the
- 3 health status of older adults by empowering residents to make
- 4 healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its
- 5 formation, the healthy aging partnership program has
- 6 successfully adapted evidence-based health promotion programs
- 7 and disease prevention programs for the multicultural population
- 8 in Hawaii. Participants who complete workshops offered by the
- 9 healthy aging partnership program feel better, are less limited
- 10 by their health conditions, and often spend less time at their
- 11 doctor's office. Because of the many accomplishments of the
- 12 healthy aging partnership program, the program received the 2013
- 13 multicultural aging award from the American Society on Aging.
- 14 This accomplishment brought further recognition to the program's
- 15 role in improving the health of Hawaii's diverse aging
- 16 population.

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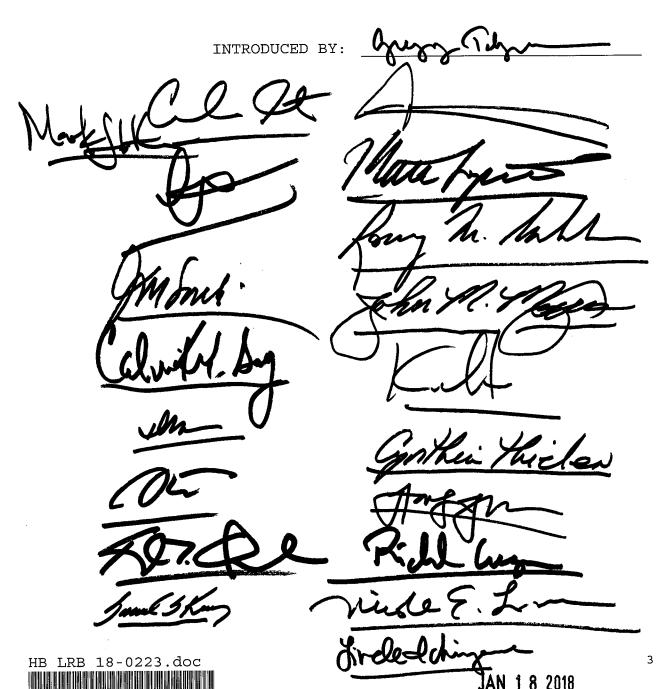
- 1 The legislature finds that the healthy aging partnership
- 2 program received funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 through Act
- 3 103, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017. However, the legislature
- 4 finds that, without funding in fiscal year 2018-2019, the
- 5 program will have to close and the executive office on aging
- 6 will not be able to meet the first goal of the Hawaii state plan
- 7 on aging, which strives to maximize opportunities for older
- 8 adults to age well, remain active, and enjoy life in their
- 9 communities.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 11 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
- 12 important role in improving the health and well-being of
- 13 Hawaii's kupuna.
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$550,000 or so much
- 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
- 17 healthy aging partnership program to further the program's
- 18 important role in improving the health and well-being of
- 19 Hawaii's kupuna.

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- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive
- 2 office on aging of the department of health for the purposes of
- 3 this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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### Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Healthy Aging Partnership; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates funds for the healthy aging partnership program to further the program's role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

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