

JAN 24 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 102, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2017, authorized the executive office on aging to
3 establish the kupuna caregivers program to assist caregivers by
4 providing assistance to allow them to remain in the workforce
5 while their loved ones are provided with necessary support
6 services. The legislature further finds that the kupuna
7 caregivers program is critical to supporting the well-being of
8 caregivers who are sometimes elderly themselves, or who may need
9 to consider leaving their jobs or taking a significant cut in
10 pay to care for their parents. Hawaii's aging population
11 continues to grow and caregiver assistance is critical to
12 supporting caregivers' own health as well as the health of
13 Hawaii's kupuna. Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017,
14 appropriated \$600,000 for the initial establishment and
15 development of the program.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys required
2 for the implementation and sustainability of the kupuna
3 caregivers program statewide.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
7 implementation of the kupuna caregivers program.

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

10 SECTION 3. The executive office on aging shall submit a
11 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
12 convening of each regular session that details kupuna caregivers
13 program outcomes, including but not limited to evaluation
14 metrics, the existing waiting list broken down by county, and
15 the recommendations to support the implementation and execution
16 of the program.

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

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Report Title:

Kupuna; Caregivers Program; Executive Office on Aging;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$4,000,000 for the full implementation and sustainability of the Kupuna Caregivers Program. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to submit a report to the Legislature prior to each regular session that details program outcomes.

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