
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEMENTIA TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as part of
2 addressing the present and continuing "silver tsunami" in
3 Hawaii, first responders should be adequately trained to
4 identify and interact appropriately with individuals with
5 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Because individuals
6 with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias may not respond
7 in a manner typically anticipated by first responders, providing
8 dementia training designed to help identify, interact with, and
9 intervene in cases of suspected abuse or neglect of individuals
10 with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias will enable these
11 employees to better carry out their duties and responsibilities.

12 The purpose of this Act is to develop and provide dementia
13 training to first responders.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part XVIII to be
16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



1 "§321- First responders; dementia training. (a) The
2 employers of first responders shall develop and provide dementia
3 training for first responders. The training required under this
4 section shall include but not be limited to:

5 (1) Recognizing the key signs of Alzheimer's disease and
6 related dementias;

7 (2) Strategies for assessing cognition;

8 (3) Best practices for interacting with persons living
9 with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

10 (4) Strategies to best identify and intervene in
11 situations where persons with Alzheimer's disease and
12 related dementias may be at particular risk of abuse
13 or neglect.

14 (b) The department of health may set the standards and
15 frequency for the dementia training and may coordinate as
16 necessary with all public and private entities and agencies
17 responsible for services provided by first responders to provide
18 the training required under this section.

19 (c) The employers of first responders may utilize existing
20 educational and training resources available in the public and



1 private sectors when developing the training required under this
2 section.

3 (d) As used in this section, "first responders" includes
4 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, mobile intensive
5 care technicians, emergency management workers, police officers,
6 and state law enforcement officers."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
9 2059.



Report Title:

Dementia Training; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias;
First Responders

Description:

Requires the employers of first responders to develop and
provide dementia training to first responders. Effective
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