
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an estimated
2 twenty-nine thousand individuals in the State suffer from
3 Alzheimer's disease, a progressive brain disease that is the
4 sixth leading cause of death in the nation. Alzheimer's disease
5 affects a person's memory and eventually causes the individual
6 to experience difficulties with speech and language skills,
7 vision, decision making, and many other daily activities.

8 The legislature further finds that, due to the debilitating
9 nature of Alzheimer's disease, there is a high demand for
10 in-home care, adult daycare, assisted living facilities, and
11 care homes. Assistance for most of the daily life activities at
12 these facilities is performed by nurse aides or nursing
13 assistants.

14 As residents of Hawaii have the longest life expectancy of
15 any state, the need for skilled care facilities, nursing homes,
16 intermediate care facilities, assisted living facilities,
17 residential care facilities, respite care, adult foster care,



1 adult day programs, home health care, in-home care, and hospice
2 are anticipated to grow as the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease
3 increases. Therefore, it is important that the state plan on
4 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias is updated to ensure
5 that staff in these facilities are adequately trained to work
6 with people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the executive office
8 on aging to convene a working group to update the state plan on
9 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by identifying the
10 best practices and standards of dementia training in care
11 facilities.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging shall
13 convene a working group to update the state plan on Alzheimer's
14 disease and related dementias.

15 (b) The working group shall include members from task
16 forces and working groups formed to address Alzheimer's disease
17 and related dementias, families affected by Alzheimer's disease
18 and related dementias, and members of the medical community.

19 (c) The working group shall investigate the following:

20 (1) The best practices of other states as they relate to
21 dementia training requirements in care facilities;



- 1 (2) Standards of training as it relates to:
- 2 (A) Hours;
- 3 (B) Learning Objectives;
- 4 (C) Applicability of standards for staff; and
- 5 (D) Applicability of standards for facilities; and
- 6 (3) Other relevant criteria determined by the working
- 7 group.
- 8 (d) The executive office on aging shall submit a report of
- 9 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
- 10 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
- 11 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia; Executive Office on Aging; Working Group; Kupuna Caucus

Description:

Requires the executive office on aging to convene a working group to update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by identifying the best practices and standards of dementia training in care facilities. Requires report to the legislature. (SD2)

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