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# 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 and investigators from the department  
4 of human services' adult protective services program should be  
5 adequately trained to identify and interact appropriately with  
6 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.  
7 Because individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related  
8 dementias may not respond in a manner typically anticipated by  
9 first responders and investigators from adult protective  
10 services, providing dementia training designed to help identify,  
11 interact with, and intervene in cases of suspected abuse or  
12 neglect of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related  
13 dementias will enable these employees to better carry out their  
14 duties and responsibilities.

15           The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to  
16 make recommendations to the department of health and legislature  
17 regarding the dementia training necessary to help first



1 responders and investigators from adult protective services  
2 appropriately assist with Alzheimer's disease and related  
3 dementia patients.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is established an Alzheimer's  
5 disease and related dementia training task force within the  
6 department of health for administrative purposes to consist of  
7 the following members:

- 8 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,  
9 who shall serve as co-chair of the task force;
- 10 (2) The director of human services, or the director's  
11 designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the task  
12 force;
- 13 (3) A representative from the Alzheimer's Association,  
14 Aloha Chapter; and
- 15 (4) Other appropriate community providers and members as  
16 determined by the co-chairs.

17 (b) The task force shall investigate the necessary  
18 elements of dementia training to help first responders and  
19 investigators from adult protective services appropriately  
20 assist with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia patients.



1           (c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
3 department of health and legislature no later than twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

5           (d) The members of the task force shall serve without  
6 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
7 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

8           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Dementia Training; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias;  
First Responders; Adult Protective Services Investigators; Task  
Force

**Description:**

Establishes a task force to make recommendations to the  
Department of Health and Legislature regarding the dementia  
training necessary to help first responders and investigators  
from adult protective services appropriately assist with  
Alzheimer's disease and related dementia patients. (SD1)

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