



GOV. MSG. NO. 1257

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1283 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO HEALTH
ACT 155 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor

ON JUL 01 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 155

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a 2015 nationwide
2 survey by Justice in Aging concluded that ten states have laws
3 requiring dementia training for law enforcement personnel, and
4 one state requires dementia training for emergency medical
5 technicians.

6 The legislature notes that six in ten people with dementia
7 will wander and a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease may
8 not remember his or her name or address and can become
9 disoriented, even in familiar places. When individuals with
10 dementia are lost, they may show signs of anxiety, fear, or
11 hostility, all of which can escalate to more aggressive
12 behaviors. As the disease progresses and individuals with
13 dementia forget family members and societal norms, there may be
14 incidents of false police reports and victimization, indecent
15 exposure, and shoplifting. People with Alzheimer's disease may
16 appear uncooperative, disruptive, and combative when they have
17 difficulty communicating and understanding what is happening.



1 Furthermore, first responder personnel may not know how to
2 assist people in these situations, leading to more confusion.

3 The legislature believes that providing education related
4 to dementia and training in de-escalation tactics for
5 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and other first
6 responder personnel can often effectively address these types of
7 situations and ensure the safety of the first responder
8 personnel and the individuals with dementia.

9 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the development and
10 provision of dementia training to first responder personnel.

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

14 "§321- First responder personnel; dementia training.

15 (a) The employers of first responder personnel may obtain
16 dementia training for first responder personnel, which may
17 include:

18 (1) Recognizing the key signs of Alzheimer's disease and
19 related types of dementia;

20 (2) Strategies for assessing cognition;



1 (3) Best practices for interacting with persons with
2 Alzheimer's disease and related types of dementia; and

3 (4) Strategies to best identify and intervene in
4 situations where persons with Alzheimer's disease and
5 related types of dementia may be at particular risk of
6 abuse or neglect.

7 (b) The training shall be offered at no cost to the
8 applicable first responder personnel and shall be funded by
9 private contributions from relevant non-profit organizations.

10 (c) The executive office on aging may coordinate the
11 training schedules and standards, as necessary, with all public
12 and private entities and agencies responsible for services
13 provided by first responder personnel, including entering into
14 agreements or memoranda of agreement with nonprofit
15 organizations to provide funding pursuant to subsection (b).

16 (d) The employers of first responder personnel may utilize
17 existing educational and training resources available in the
18 public and private sectors when developing the training required
19 under this section."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



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APPROVED this 01 day of JUL, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop under the "I" and a long tail on the "e".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1283, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate