
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 Alzheimer's disease
2 is a large and growing epidemic significantly impacting Hawaii.
3 More than six million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's
4 disease, a figure expected to reach 12.7 million in 2050. In
5 2019, Alzheimer's disease was the sixth leading cause of death
6 in America, with deaths from the disease increasing one hundred
7 forty-five per cent between 2000 and 2019.

8 Additionally, one-third of home health care and adult day
9 care recipients have Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.
10 Average per-person medicaid spending for seniors with
11 Alzheimer's disease or other dementias is twenty-two times
12 greater than average per-person medicaid spending across all
13 seniors without dementia. By 2050, spending on those with
14 Alzheimer's disease will total almost \$1,000,000,000,000.

15 The legislature further finds that the impact of
16 Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii is projected to rise. Currently,
17 twenty-nine thousand people ages sixty-five and older are living



1 with Alzheimer's disease; 6.7 per cent of people ages forty-five
2 and older have subjective cognitive decline; and fifty-two
3 thousand family members provide care for those with the disease.
4 In 2020, caregivers provided eighty-three million hours of care
5 at an economic value of nearly \$1,700,000,000.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
7 funds to the executive office on aging for an Alzheimer's
8 disease and related dementias public health campaign.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2024-2025 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
14 public health campaign that educates the public on early signs
15 of cognitive impairment, the value of early detection and
16 diagnosis, and benefits of discussing changes in memory and
17 thinking with health care professionals.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the executive
19 office on aging for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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