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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's rapidly  
2 aging population is leading to rising numbers of dementia and  
3 Alzheimer's disease cases. The legislature further finds that  
4 there are limited medical treatment services on the neighbor  
5 islands and in rural areas to address this increase in cases.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the  
7 Hawaii assistance for the navigation of Alzheimer's intervention  
8 (HANAI) program within the executive office on aging to support  
9 individuals with Alzheimer's disease statewide.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§349- Hawaii assistance for navigation of Alzheimer's  
14 intervention (HANAI) program; established. (a) There is  
15 established within the executive office on aging the Hawaii  
16 assistance for the navigation of Alzheimer's intervention  
17 (HANAI) program to support individuals in the State who have



1    Alzheimer's disease. The program shall include the development  
2    and implementation of a community outreach plan.

3    (b) As part of the program, the executive office on aging  
4    may contract with health care providers to expand access to  
5    Alzheimer's disease treatment and diagnosis services pursuant to  
6    chapter 103F.

7    (c) The executive office on aging shall submit an annual  
8    report summarizing the program's activities and use of funds to  
9    the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
10   of each regular session."

11       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12       revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much  
13       thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the  
14       establishment of the Hawaii assistance for the navigation of  
15       Alzheimer's intervention (HANAI) program, including:

16       (1) The establishment of four full-time equivalent  
17                (4.0 FTE) state dementia care specialist positions,  
18                one in each county of the State; and  
19       (2) Administrative and other related expenses.

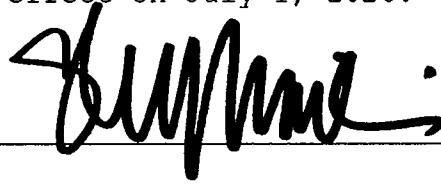
20       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21       health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2589

**Report Title:**

DOH; EOA; Alzheimer's Disease; Dementia; Treatment;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes within the Executive Office on Aging the Hawaii Assistance for the Navigation of Alzheimer's Intervention (HANA) program to support individuals in the State who have Alzheimer's disease. Appropriates moneys for the establishment of 4 full-time equivalent state dementia care specialist positions, one in each county and other expenses.

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