

ACT 238

S.B. NO. 2320

A Bill for an Act Relating to Aging.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide essential home- and community-based services for Hawaii's elderly population by codifying the au-

thorization for the establishment of the kupuna care program and appropriating funds to support the needs of Hawaii’s older adults and elderly individuals.

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

“§349- Kupuna care program. (a) The executive office on aging may establish the kupuna care program. The program shall provide affordable and quality home- and community-based services.

(b) The program may be provided in every county as a function of the aging and disability resource centers.

(c) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Aging and disability resource centers” means an entity established by the State as part of the state system of long-term care, serving as a highly visible and trusted source where people of all incomes and ages can get information on the full range of long-term support options, and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits.

“Family caregivers” means a spouse, adult child, other relative, partner, or friend who has a personal relationship with, and provides a broad range of unpaid assistance for an older adult with a chronic or disabling condition.

(d) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the kupuna care program; provided that the sum appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the executive office on aging.

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

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$426,772 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the healthy aging partnership program of the department of health’s executive office on aging.

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

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$285,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for senior centers and to be distributed as follows:

- (1) Catholic Charities Hawaii for the Lanakila multi-purpose senior center \$175,000;
- (2) Moiliili Community Center for the Moiliili senior center \$50,000; and
- (3) Waikiki Community Center \$60,000;

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

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Alzheimer’s Association, Aloha Chapter, to:

- (1) Establish a wanderer's registration service to protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
- (2) Conduct targeted outreach throughout the State to increase enrollment in the national wanderer's registry and offer scholarships and subsidies to low-income families, as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' 2011 poverty guidelines for Hawaii, who want to enroll in the registry; and
- (3) Conduct annual training for first responders and other community members to increase awareness and provide ongoing education on best practices for search and rescue efforts for people with dementia.

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

SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

(Approved July 6, 2012.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.