

ACT 188

S.B. NO. 964

A Bill for an Act Relating to Aging.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the kupuna care program was enacted in 1999 to address the needs of Hawaii's aging population and the issues

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arising from those needs. The kupuna care program is considered to be an alternative to traditional long-term care options. The goal of kupuna care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. The legislature further finds that the kupuna care program provides access to affordable and quality home- and community-based services, including hot meals, transportation, case management, and personal care assistance. Services offered by the kupuna care program provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers.

The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to support the State's kupuna care program.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 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 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved July 1, 2015.)