

ACT 146

H.B. NO. 1916

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. An estimated twenty-seven thousand individuals in Hawaii currently live with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and about sixty-six thousand unpaid family caregivers care for those individuals. By 2025, the number of individuals with Alzheimer's disease is expected to increase to thirty-five thousand.

In 2013, the department of health executive office on aging issued the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The plan set forth a course of action to improve the quality of life for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The five goals of the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are:

- (1) Prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by the year 2025;
- (2) Enhance care quality and efficiency;
- (3) Expand supports for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families;
- (4) Enhance public awareness and engagement; and
- (5) Improve data to track progress.

The plan was envisioned to be "a living document that will be updated annually". However, although stakeholders to the plan, including the executive office on aging, met in 2015, 2016, and 2017, an update to the plan has not yet been issued and resources are needed to further the efforts specified by the plan.

The purpose of this Act is to require the executive office on aging to:

- (1) Biennially update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and include information on progress made toward the plan goals in its annual report to the legislature; and
- (2) Set forth, as part of the biennial updates to the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, a work plan specifying the tasks, timelines, and milestones for each goal of the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias,

so that the State may properly prepare for the expected increase in individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

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

“§349- Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias state plan. (a) The executive office on aging shall prepare an update of the state plan on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias no less frequently than once per fiscal biennium. The executive office on aging shall include information on progress made toward the goals of the state plan in its annual report to the legislature.

(b) The update report shall include:

- (1) An implementation work plan specifying the tasks, timelines, and milestones for each goal along with parties assigned to each task;
- (2) Efforts taken by the State to achieve the goals and strategies identified in the most recent state plan on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias;
- (3) Recommendations for state policy relating to Alzheimer’s disease and dementias; and
- (4) A review of services initiated and coordinated among public and private agencies to meet the needs of persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their families.

(c) In preparing the update report, the executive office on aging shall review the most recent state plan on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias for appropriateness and revise the plan as necessary. In determining the appropriateness of the current plan, the executive office on aging shall solicit input from task forces and working groups formed to address Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, families affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and members of the medical community.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 6, 2018.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.