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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The delivery of long term care in Hawaii has
2 characteristically been uncoordinated, making it difficult for
3 consumers to obtain information about long term care options and
4 services. Much of this has to do with the fact that different
5 programs have their own eligibility requirements, funding
6 mandates, care benefits, provider participation regulations,
7 administrative structure, and service delivery mechanisms.
8 Consequently, it is difficult to coordinate a comprehensive
9 continuum of long term care (ranging from nursing homes to home
10 and community-based services) for the elderly and the disabled.

11 In 2005, Hawaii was selected to receive a grant from the
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop
13 an aging and disability resource center program. The grant is
14 intended to help Hawaii develop "one-stop shop" programs at the
15 community level that can serve as the entry point to the long
16 term services and support system. The vision is to have
17 resource centers in every community serving as highly visible



1 and trusted places where people can turn for information on the
2 full range of long term care support options, and with a
3 streamlined process for screening, intake, assessment, and
4 eligibility determination. Long term care support refers to a
5 wide range of in-home, community-based, and institutional
6 services and programs that are designed to help individuals with
7 disabilities.

8 The executive office on aging, in partnership with the
9 Hawaii county office of aging and the city and county of
10 Honolulu elderly affairs division, is already developing an
11 aging and disability resource center in Hawaii county. The
12 three year project commenced in October, 2005, and is due for
13 completion by September, 2008. A second resource center is
14 planned for the city and county of Honolulu. A state advisory
15 board has already been established to provide public input and
16 feedback on the project development, and to develop a statewide
17 access plan for future replication. Each project will also have
18 its own steering committee or advisory board at the county level
19 to assist in the specific site development.

20 The Hawaii county project received additional funding from
21 the Hawaii county council, with support from the Hawaii county
22 mayor, to enable the project to lease the former Sun Sun Lau



1 Chinese Restaurant in Hilo as the physical site. Renovations
2 are currently underway at the Hilo site with a target completion
3 date of mid-2007. The Hawaii county office of aging will co-
4 locate in this centralized facility with other aging and
5 disability services and providers, including the department of
6 human services (medicaid program), the Hawaii Center of
7 Independent Living, and the Legal Aid Society.

8 The city and county of Honolulu project will initially be a
9 virtual site. It will build upon the city and county of
10 Honolulu elderly affairs division's current senior hotline
11 telephone information and assistance program, and will develop a
12 comprehensive resource website. The overall goal is to
13 eventually establish aging and disability resource center sites
14 in all of the counties to provide statewide access.

15 The legislature finds that the aging and disability
16 resource center program will improve access to long term care
17 information and options for both the elderly and the disabled by
18 facilitating their search for needed services.

19 The purpose of this Act is to support the aging and
20 disability resource center program by appropriating funds to
21 supplement its development. The funds shall be used to:



- 1 (1) Contract with a state management information
2 consultant to:
- 3 (A) Identify management information system needs;
4 (B) Assist with vendor selection;
5 (C) Ensure compliance with management information
6 system requirements;
7 (D) Provide resources and technical assistance for
8 project evaluation, intake, and database
9 development;
10 (E) Troubleshoot technical problems; and
11 (F) Assist with systems integration;
- 12 (2) Purchase additional management information system
13 products, including software licensing, server
14 clusters, installation, staff training, computer
15 hardware, and technical support;
- 16 (3) Install a statewide toll-free telephone system for the
17 public to contact the aging and disability resource
18 center sites. This includes the installation of the
19 single server number, telephone equipment, cable
20 lines, phone system upgrades, and special equipment
21 for the blind and deaf consumers;



- 1 (4) Coordinate and implement consumer education and
2 outreach campaigns, including outreach coordination,
3 the production and printing of brochures and posters,
4 media ads, presentations and exhibits at senior and
5 disability events or focal centers, bilingual
6 translation, and other promotional activities that
7 will educate the consumers and general public about
8 aging and disability resource center services;
- 9 (5) Continue the coordination and implementation of the
10 Hawaii county site;
- 11 (6) Continue the coordination and implementation of the
12 Honolulu county site; and
- 13 (7) Continue the state-level coordination and evaluation
14 activities of the project.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$370,000, or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
18 sum of \$230,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for
19 fiscal year 2008-2009, to supplement the development of the
20 aging and disability resource center program.

21 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
22 department of health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Long Term Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center Program

Description:

Appropriates funds to assist with the development of the aging and disability resource center program.

