



# Kupuna Caregivers Program



In July 2017 Governor David Ige signed into law, HB 607 appropriating \$600,000 to the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to establish the **Kupuna Caregivers** program, aimed at supporting working caregivers. Recognizing the tremendous contributions of caregivers, the bill provides financial assistance to support employed caregivers to remain in the workforce, **provided certain criteria are met**. EOA and the county Area Agencies on Aging are working to develop and implement the program.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified Caregivers must be employed at least 30 hours a week by one or more employers and provide care directly to a care recipient.
  
- A Care Recipient is someone who:
  - Is a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien
  - Is 60 years of age or older
  - Is not covered by any comparable government or private home and community-based care service, except kupuna care services
  - Does not reside in a long-term care facility and
  - Has impairments of at least:
    - Two activities of daily living or
    - Two instrumental activities of daily living or
    - One activity of daily living and one instrumental activity of daily living or
    - Substantive cognitive impairment requiring substantial supervision

## ASSISTANCE

Qualified caregivers may receive up to \$70 per day in benefits (*subject to the availability of funds and paid directly to contracted service providers, not the caregiver*) to cover costs for adult day care, chore services, home-delivered meals, homemaker services, personal care, respite care, or transportation.

Assistance may also be provided now through other ADRC programs.

## TIMELINE

EOA plans to launch the **Kupuna Caregivers** program in 2018.

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