

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 878

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 878 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to June 30, 2028.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor, Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), Executive Office on Aging, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that the State's kupuna are at significant risk of homelessness, as many elderly residents are on fixed incomes. Presently, HPHA provides approximately twenty-seven eligible tenants with supplemental rental assistance with the capacity to provide for one hundred twenty residents. Additionally, HPHA has ninety applicants pending approval. By extending the sunset date of the existing State Rent Supplement Program, HPHA can fulfill its contracted capacity while ensuring kupuna can remain in low-cost rental units. Therefore, this measure ensures kupuna statewide can live independently in safe, stable housing.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services that are



attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 878 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Housing and  
Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Housing  
HOU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 878</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU/HHS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <span style="float: right;"><b>HA</b></span> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	.			/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="float: right;"></span>				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

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**HHS**

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