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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE STATE'S RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING OWNERS WHO RENT OR LEASE TO QUALIFIED KUPUNA A MORTGAGE PROPERTY WITHIN DESIGNATED LAVA ZONES.

1 WHEREAS, the eruption of Kilauea on the Big Island over  
2 five years ago continues to impact residents living in the lava  
3 zones, as yearly homeowners insurance premiums have increased  
4 more than six times what they were a number of years ago; and

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6 WHEREAS, housing in the lava zones was once an affordable  
7 option for many residents, but the growing insurance expenses  
8 have resulted in higher rents being charged in the area to  
9 offset the insurance increases; and

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11 WHEREAS, over twenty-five percent of older adults in the  
12 State are classified as low income; and

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14 WHEREAS, many kupuna often live on a fixed income from  
15 pensions or other retirement plans and social security; and

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17 WHEREAS, many kupuna potentially face homelessness as rents  
18 continue to skyrocket; and

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20 WHEREAS, the high cost of living in the State, fixed income  
21 and complex health needs of older adults, rapidly increasing  
22 rents, and the declining availability of affordable housing make  
23 rental assistance for qualifying older adults a necessity; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority administers  
26 the State's Rent Supplement/Rent Subsidy Program to help  
27 eligible families pay for part of their monthly rent; and

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29 WHEREAS, this program should be utilized to help provide  
30 homeowners insurance premium assistance to housing owners who  
31 rent or lease to qualified kupuna to help reduce their rent  
32 costs; now, therefore,  
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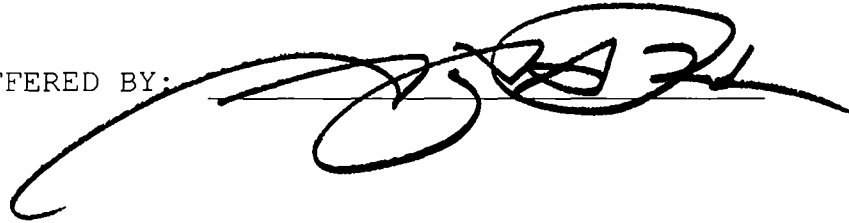


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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
3 that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested to utilize  
4 the State's Rent Supplement Program to provide homeowners  
5 insurance premium assistance to housing owners who rent or lease  
6 to qualified kupuna a mortgaged property located within an area  
7 designated as lava zone 1 or lava zone 2, as identified by the  
8 United States Geological Survey Lava-Flow Hazard Zone Map,  
9 Island of Hawaii; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the  
13 Hawaii Public Housing Authority.  
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OFFERED BY:

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