

July 3, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Nadine Nakamura Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 703, H.D. 1,

RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.

S.D. 1, C.D. 1

ACT 282

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on_____JUL 3 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII ACT 282 H.B. NO. H.D. 1 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's kupuna
- 2 are at significant risk of homelessness. As rental prices have
- 3 experienced dramatic increases statewide, more kupuna, who are
- 4 on fixed incomes, struggle to secure affordable housing.
- 5 Presently, the state rent supplement program for kupuna provides
- 6 support for qualified kupuna who are homeless or at imminent
- 7 risk of being homeless. However, this critical program will
- 8 sunset in 2026, creating uncertainty for existing participants
- 9 in the program. Therefore, extending the sunset date will
- 10 ensure continued access to critical rent supplement assistance.
- 11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to extend the
- 12 sunset date of the state rent supplement program for kupuna to
- 13 continue to accommodate the housing needs of qualified
- 14 participants.
- 15 SECTION 2. Act 98, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended
- 16 by amending section 6 to read as follows:

2025-3260 HB703 CD1 HMSO

H.B. NO. H.D. 1 S.D. 1

- 1 "SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023,
- 2 and shall be repealed on June 30, [2026.] 2028."
- 3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

703 H.D. 1 S.D. 1 H.B. NO.

APPROVED this 3rd day of July

, 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.

Nadine K. Nakamura

Speaker

House of Representatives

W. L. JOBE

Midia K. Muhn

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2025 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate