

JAN 17 2025

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 supplemental program for kupuna
6 provides support for qualified kupuna who are homeless or at
7 imminent risk of being homeless. However, this critical program
8 will be sunset in 2026, creating uncertainty for existing
9 participants in the program. Therefore, extending the sunset
10 date will ensure continued access to critical rent supplement
11 assistance.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to extend the
13 sunset date of the state rent supplemental program for kupuna to
14 continue to accommodate the housing needs of qualified
15 participants.

16 SECTION 2. Act 98, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended
17 by amending section 6 to read as follows:



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2 and shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2026~~] 2028."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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 878

Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna; Kupuna Housing; Sunset; Extension

Description:

Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028.

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