

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

980

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

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 Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 878 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the sunset date of the state rent supplement program for kupuna to accommodate the housing needs of qualified participants.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, AARP Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, and five individuals.

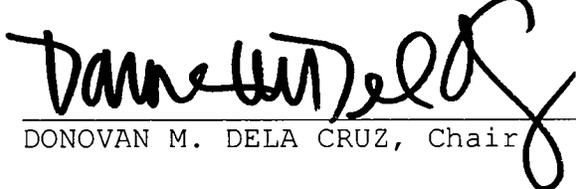
Your Committee finds that as housing costs and inflation rates rise, kupuna who rely upon a fixed income are increasingly vulnerable to housing instability. Your Committee further finds that the state rent supplement program for kupuna helps this vulnerable population secure housing and avoid homelessness. Extending the rent supplement program will allow the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to continue to assist a greater number of qualified kupuna.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 878 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 878	Committee Referral: HOU/HHS, WAM	Date: 2/28/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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