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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ASSESS THE  
FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT  
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TWENTY PERCENT DISCOUNT ON CERTAIN  
GOODS AND SERVICES FOR LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME ELDERS IN  
THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, many elders in the State struggle with Hawaii's  
2 high cost of living; and  
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4 WHEREAS, elders who age at home pay an average of \$4,814  
5 per month for home healthcare costs, in addition to other  
6 expenses such as housing, utilities, and food; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the financial burden on elders can lead to  
9 increased stress, reduced quality of life, and difficulty in  
10 affording essential needs; and  
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12 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Philippines implemented a senior  
13 citizen discount program under Republic Act 9994, also known as  
14 the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, to alleviate the  
15 financial strain on elders by providing a twenty percent  
16 discount on food, housing, utility services, and other goods and  
17 services; and  
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19 WHEREAS, implementing a similar discount program in Hawaii  
20 would provide significant financial relief to the State's  
21 elderly residents, ensuring that they can afford basic  
22 necessities while maintaining their independence and dignity;  
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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is well-  
26 positioned to assess the feasibility of such a program and  
27 determine its potential benefits and implementation challenges;  
28 now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
32 that the Department of Human Services is requested to conduct a  
33 study to assess the feasibility of offering a twenty percent



1 discount for all low- and moderate-income residents aged sixty-  
2 five and older on expenditures for:

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4 (1) Housing, including subsidized rent or public housing;

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6 (2) Utilities;

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8 (3) Food; and

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10 (4) Prescription drugs; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
13 Services is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
16 the Regular Session of 2026; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.  
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OFFERED BY:



