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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH  
KUPUNA-FRIENDLY BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING  
ACCESSIBILITY AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES OPERATING HOURS.

1           WHEREAS, parking is a foundational access issue for people  
2 with disabilities and older adults, with inadequate parking  
3 availability increasing safety risks, including falls and  
4 injuries; and

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6           WHEREAS, when accessible and van accessible parking spaces  
7 are insufficient, kupuna with mobility disabilities are  
8 effectively excluded from participating in community life,  
9 accessing services, and engaging in employment, commerce, and  
10 civic activities; and

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12           WHEREAS, according to the Disability and Communications  
13 Access Board, individuals that qualify for accessible parking  
14 spaces often cannot find available parking spaces that  
15 accommodate their needs; and

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17           WHEREAS, additionally, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many  
18 stores adjusted their hours for kupuna and customers with  
19 vulnerable immune systems, which successfully allowed greater  
20 access to goods and services for kupuna; and

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22           WHEREAS, it is critical for the State to increase  
23 opportunities for kupuna to participate in the community and  
24 access necessary goods and services; now, therefore,

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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the planning department of  
29 each county is requested to establish kupuna-friendly building  
30 permit requirements to plan for the State's aging population  
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- 1           (1) Require private businesses and malls to accommodate  
2           special hours for kupuna to enter; and  
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4           (2) Increase the minimum number of parking spaces  
5           designated for non-disabled and disabled kupuna; and  
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7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each  
9 county, members of each County Council, and Planning Director of  
10 each county's planning department.  
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