
HOUSE 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, that the planning department of each county is
29 requested to establish kupuna-friendly building permit
30 requirements to plan for the State's aging population that:

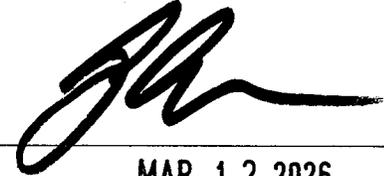
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32 (1) Require private businesses and malls to accommodate
33 special hours for kupuna to enter; and
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1 (2) Increase the minimum number of parking spaces
2 designated for non-disabled and disabled kupuna; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each county, members
6 of each County Council, and Planning Director of each county's
7 planning department.
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