
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PLANNING OR PLANNING AND PERMITTING 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 Communication
13 Access Board, individuals who 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 or planning and permitting department
29 of each county is requested to establish kupuna-friendly
30 building permit requirements to plan for the State's aging
31 population that:



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(1) Require private businesses and malls to accommodate special hours for kupuna to enter; and

(2) Increase the minimum number of parking spaces designated for non-disabled and disabled kupuna; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of each county, members of each county council, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Planning Director of the Hawaii County Planning Department, Planning Director of the Maui County Planning Department, and Planning Director of the Kauai County Planning Department.