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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 Senate of the Thirty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
28 that the planning department of each county is requested to  
29 establish kupuna-friendly building permit requirements to plan  
30 for the State's aging population that:  
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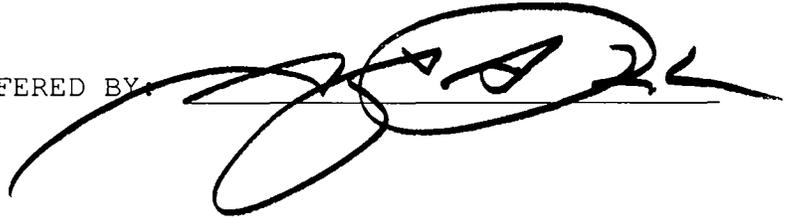
- 32           (1) Require private businesses and malls to accommodate  
33 special hours for kupuna to enter; and  
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1 (2) Increase the minimum number of parking spaces  
2 designated for non-disabled and disabled kupuna; and  
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4 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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OFFERED BY:

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