

**SR-120**

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Comments:

Dear Senate,

I am in support of SR 120 because our kupuna deserve safe environments. About 37 percent of Hawai'i residents are ages 50 and or older, and Hawai'i has the highest life expectancy of any state. Due to the cost high cost of senior living, many choose independent living to avoid cost of around the clock care. Our kupuna face multiple dangers and are often less likely to physically cope with the effects of an injury. Our kupuna are more physically frail and have increase risks of death due to falls, hits by motor vehicles, and non ADA compliant apartment complexes. In this year alone, we've witnessed 12 elderly individuals die due to traffic fatality; most recently an 83 year old man being hit while attempting to cross the street. As a student currently interning at the Queens Medical Center in Punchbowl, the only level 1 trauma center across islands, I witness daily accidents amongst the kupuna population. Many are due to motor vehicle accidents, but most are falls and the lack of infrastructure available to accommodate their physical needs. Making roads/routes accessible and safe should be a priority!

Thank you for your time and consideration