

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1186

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 26 2025

RE: H.B. No. 703
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 703, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to June 30, 2028.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Institute for Human Services, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, and four individuals.

Your Committees find that the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna offers crucial support for kupuna on fixed incomes to secure safe and affordable housing. However, the existing program will sunset in 2026, creating financial uncertainty for kupuna who rely on this program. Therefore, this measure ensures continuity of the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to ensure residents can maintain affordable housing while having the ability to live independently.




Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 703, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 703, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Housing and
Health and Human Services,


JOY A. SAN BUENVENTURA, Chair
STANLEY CHANG, Chair

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