

2025 Kūpuna Report

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Aloha! This is another of my special Congressional reports back to our kūpuna age 65+.

Over 21% of our Hawaii's population now are kūpuna, up from 18% just four years ago and still growing rapidly. Our kūpuna have the same deep concerns for our country and Hawaii's as the rest of us, but also very specific issues as well. These are just a few of them.



Updating 'Aiea seniors during my third Walk Story through my district

Addressing the Cost of Living. Health care, housing, food, energy and other costs are particular concerns for our kūpuna, especially those on fixed incomes. I have worked hard on our House Appropriations Committee responsible for federal funding, where I'm finishing my seventh year, on strengthening and funding key federal efforts to assist kūpuna in need with these costs. I've also pursued legislation to lower shipping, energy, food and other costs. Much more on my efforts is at case.house.gov.

Protecting Social Security. Social Security is a critical and in many cases literally lifesaving program for our kūpuna, and I am strongly committed to strengthening it for today and tomorrow. The Social Security Administration (SSA) recently announced a 2.8% cost-of-living increase in benefits for 2026, following 2025's 2.5% increase. This doesn't fully keep up with inflation over the last year, and must be supplemented with efforts to strengthen federal programs that make up the difference especially for kūpuna in need.

Lowering Prescription Drug Costs. Because of 2022's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which I strongly supported, starting in January 2026 the costs of several key prescription medicines for those on Medicare will be reduced for the first time ever. More about what drugs will have lower costs is at www.cms.gov/priorities/medicare-prescription-drug-affordability.

Helping You And Yours. My staff and I are here to help you whenever and however we can. Here are just a few examples of how we have helped other kūpuna and your families:

- Expedited a travel document petition so that a constituent could see her mother
- Helped secure initial retirement benefits while a federal agency finalized annuity payouts
- Helped a constituent make an inquiry to SSA regarding her disabled sister's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) after her care home fees increased last year

Please contact me anytime at ed.case@mail.house.gov or 808-650-6688 if we can provide further information or assistance. For more information on how my office can help, go to www.case.house.gov or scan this code:



I remain fully committed to the health and welfare of you and your 'ohana, and wish you the best of the holiday season.

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Fighting for critical federal programs for seniors in my House Appropriations Committee



Presenting Filomena Lopez of Waipahu with a special Congressional Certificate on her 100th birthday