

2026 Kūpuna Report

from U.S. Representative Ed Case

Proudly representing
Hawai'i residents age
65+ in Congress



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Aloha!

Over 21% of our Hawai'i residents are age 65+, up from 18% just four years ago and growing rapidly. Helping our kūpuna is one of my highest priorities in Congress. Here is a quick update on my efforts and a request for your continued guidance.

Addressing The High Cost of Living. The unacceptably high cost of living, especially for kūpuna on fixed incomes, is our top concern. My efforts are threefold: strengthen our economy and jobs to increase family incomes; expand and fund federal programs that help kūpuna in need; and reduce costs in each of the main drivers of high prices, from health care and housing to gas, electricity, food and more. I'm especially focused on the sky-high cost of shipping to Hawai'i through reforming the Jones Act, on capping prescription drug prices, and on ending the Trump tariffs which are driving up costs. There's more on my efforts at <https://case.house.gov/issues/>.

Funding Federal Assistance To Kūpuna. Since 2019 I've served on the exclusive House Appropriations Committee, which oversees and funds our federal government (\$1.6 trillion in the current fiscal year). This gives me a unique opportunity to advocate and fund federal programs that help you. Just a few of these programs are:

- \$381 million for home-delivered meals for kūpuna,
- \$223 million for kūpuna caregivers, and
- \$27 million for the protection of vulnerable older Americans.

Protecting Yourself Against Scams. Scammers target our kūpuna nationwide, with losses of tens of millions of dollars locally in just the past year. For starters, never give out any of your personal information unless you are certain who is asking and why. If you are concerned or believe you may have been a victim, immediately call your bank, report the incident to the Honolulu Police Department at (808) 529-3111 and file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. You can also call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at (833) 372-8311 with any questions and for assistance.

Helping You And Yours. My staff and I are here to help you with your own individual questions and concerns. Some common areas for our kūpuna are Social Security/Medicare, taxes, immigration and veterans issues, but we will try to assist you with anything. Here are some recent examples:

- We helped three federal retirees obtain their 1099 forms so they could file their taxes
- We helped a senior receive some \$61,000 in past due Social Security benefits
- We helped a family to place a Purple Heart inscription on their relative's grave at Punchbowl

I remain fully committed in Congress to the health and welfare of you and your 'ohana. For more information on my efforts and to contact my office, please go to case.house.gov or call (808) 650-6688 or scan this code:

With aloha,

Ed Case



Answering questions on constituent services in Kalihi



Listening to constituent concerns in Waipahu

