



GOV. MSG. NO. 1164

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 23, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 23, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB73 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS  
**ACT 063 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor

on JUN 23 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT063

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that telephone and  
2 emergency dispatchers perform critical services under stressful  
3 conditions. These services are much more than clerical in  
4 nature, yet dispatchers are currently characterized and  
5 compensated as clerical employees. Therefore, the legislature  
6 believes that telephone and emergency dispatchers should be  
7 compensated at a higher rate than personnel who primarily  
8 perform clerical functions.

9       The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
10 human resources development to review the existing  
11 classification and compensation schedules for telephone and  
12 emergency dispatchers and employees who perform similar  
13 functions and to recommend modifications to their classification  
14 and compensation schedules to more accurately reflect their  
15 duties and responsibilities.



1       SECTION 2. (a) The department of human resources  
2 development shall review the existing classification and  
3 compensation schedules for:

4       (1) Telecommunications dispatchers, including police,  
5 fire, or emergency medical dispatchers, any Hawaii  
6 state hospital telephone operators or call takers, and  
7 any persons who perform any combination of these  
8 functions;

9       (2) Emergency dispatchers; and

10       (3) Any other telecommunications dispatch personnel who,  
11 while operating a 911 automated terminal, uses  
12 multiple robust lifesaving procedures and technologies  
13 to obtain critical information from the caller,  
14 analyzes the information given and, from specialized  
15 mapping systems, sends the appropriate and closest  
16 available emergency unit, and communicates the best  
17 course of action for the caller to take before the  
18 arrival of that unit.

19       (b) The department of human resources development may  
20 consult with appropriate county human resources personnel to  
21 fulfill the purpose of this Act.



1 (c) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular session of 2022, the department of human resources  
3 development shall submit a report to the legislature  
4 recommending modifications to the classification and  
5 compensation schedules reviewed pursuant to subsection (a) that  
6 more accurately reflect the critical duties and responsibilities  
7 of those positions.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 23 day of JUN, 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 73, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

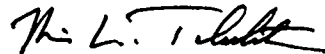
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate