



GOV. MSG. NO. 1156

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 20, 2024

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second 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 20, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2504 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.
ACT 056

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 20 2024

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2504
S.D. 2
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended
2 by amending part II to read as follows:

3 "PART II

4 SECTION 2. ~~[The legislature finds that the United States~~
5 ~~Department of Energy Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program is~~
6 ~~providing \$7,000,000,000 to establish up to ten regional clean~~
7 ~~energy hubs across America. As part of a larger \$8,000,000,000~~
8 ~~hydrogen hub program funded through the Infrastructure~~
9 ~~Investment and Jobs Act, the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs~~
10 ~~program will be a central driver in helping communities across~~
11 ~~the country benefit from clean energy investments, good-paying~~
12 ~~jobs, and improved energy security.~~

13 ~~The legislature further finds that the United States~~
14 ~~Department of Energy selected Hawaii as one of thirty-three~~
15 ~~public-private consortiums to compete for the federal funding.~~
16 ~~Proposed as the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub, the department of~~
17 ~~business, economic development, and tourism is leading the~~
18 ~~consortium to leverage \$500,000,000 in private investment for~~



1 ~~\$500,000,000 in matching funds from the United States Department~~
2 ~~of Energy that will drive the production, processing, delivery,~~
3 ~~storage, and end use of clean hydrogen, including innovative~~
4 ~~uses in the industrial sector. The State's strategic military~~
5 ~~position in the Indo-Pacific and its partnerships with the~~
6 ~~United States Department of Defense make its proposal unique~~
7 ~~amongst its competition. The United States Department of~~
8 ~~Defense is seeking to replace petroleum-based fuels with~~
9 ~~hydrogen vehicles and platforms so the United States Department~~
10 ~~of Defense may become a major customer for the consortium. If~~
11 ~~fully built and implemented, the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub~~
12 ~~will become a major industry and job center for the State.~~

13 ~~Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:~~

- 14 ~~(1) Require the department of business, economic~~
15 ~~development, and tourism to work with the University~~
16 ~~of Hawaii on workforce development activities that~~
17 ~~support the development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen~~
18 ~~hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen~~
19 ~~energy industry; and~~
- 20 ~~(2) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen~~
21 ~~hub.] Repealed.~~



1 SECTION 3. [~~The department of business, economic~~
2 ~~development, and tourism shall work with the University of~~
3 ~~Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the~~
4 ~~development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub and other related~~
5 ~~aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry.] Repealed.~~

6 SECTION 4. [~~There is appropriated out of the general~~
7 ~~revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,500,000 or so much~~
8 ~~thereof as necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the sum of~~
9 ~~\$10,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal~~
10 ~~year 2024-2025 to develop the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub.~~

11 ~~The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department~~
12 ~~of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes~~
13 ~~of this part.] Repealed."~~

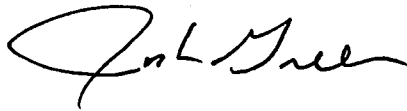
14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this **20th** day of **June**, 2024

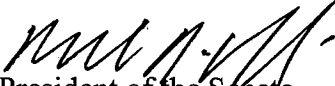
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2024.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2504, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives