



GOV. MSG. NO. 1157

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:

SB2753 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.
ACT 057

Sincerely,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain
2 refrigerants, including hydrofluorocarbons, are potent
3 greenhouse gases that can have an immense impact on global
4 warming. The legislature further finds that the United States
5 Congress passed the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of
6 2020 that mandates an eighty-five per cent phasedown in
7 hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants. The legislature further finds
8 that the phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons includes restricting
9 the use of hydrofluorocarbons in certain applications and
10 directing the transition to hydrofluorocarbon substitutes. This
11 phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons is expected to reduce
12 hydrofluorocarbon emissions by approximately 2.4 billion metric
13 tons of carbon dioxide by 2035 and avoid up to a one-half degree
14 Celsius global temperature increase by 2100.

15 The legislature further finds that building codes across
16 the country must be updated to comply with the American
17 Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 and the United States
18 Environmental Protection Agency's rules and regulations



1 concerning the transition to hydrofluorocarbon refrigerant
2 alternatives. The building code updates will provide the
3 certainty that the manufacturing industry needs to comply with
4 federal regulations and ensure that the transition to alternate
5 refrigerants is safe and efficient.

6 The purpose of this Act is to clarify that no state or
7 county building code shall prohibit the use of a substitute
8 refrigerant allowed by the United States Environmental
9 Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and
10 installed in compliance with any applicable safety standards and
11 use conditions.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
14 designated and to read as follows:

15 "§107- Refrigerant use. No provision of the Hawaii
16 state building codes or any county building code shall prohibit
17 or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant designated as
18 acceptable for use pursuant to title 42 United States Code
19 section 7671k; provided that any equipment containing the
20 refrigerant shall be listed and installed in accordance with any



1 applicable safety standards and use conditions imposed for that
2 equipment or refrigerant."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 2753
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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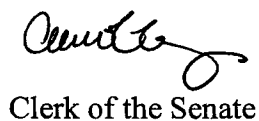
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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. 2753, HD 2, 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