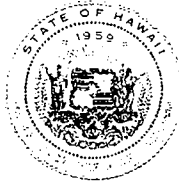


JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1126

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

April 23, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1381, S.D. 1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD.  
**ACT 026**

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on APR 23 2025  
THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 121-12(a),  
2       Hawaii Revised Statutes, currently mandates that the Hawaii army  
3       national guard and air national guard each be headed by an  
4       assistant adjutant general, with the rank capped at brigadier  
5       general. While most states' national guard components are  
6       federally authorized to be headed by officers with a maximum  
7       rank of brigadier general, the Department of the Air Force has  
8       authorized the Hawaii air national guard to be led by an officer  
9       with the rank of major general, reflecting the organization's  
10      size and complexity. Additionally, the chief of staff position  
11      for the Hawaii air national guard is federally authorized at the  
12      grade of major general.

13      Accordingly, the purposes of this Act are to:

14      (1) Allow the head of the Hawaii air national guard to  
15           hold the rank authorized by the Department of the Air  
16           Force, which is currently major general;



1           (2) Provide the adjutant general with the flexibility to  
2           assign either the chief of staff or the assistant  
3           adjutant general to lead the Hawaii air national  
4           guard; and

5           (3) Authorize the pay and allowances for the chief of  
6           staff of the Hawaii air national guard to be  
7           determined according to the pay tables of the regular  
8           air force of the United States.

9           SECTION 2. Section 121-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10          amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11          "(a) The headquarters staff of the national guard shall be  
12          composed of the army national guard component, which shall  
13          include a selective service section, and the air national guard  
14          component. The headquarters shall be staffed by ~~[such]~~ the  
15          officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel, in the  
16          grades and branches of service as may be authorized by the  
17          secretaries of the army and the air force. The army division  
18          ~~[and the air division]~~ shall ~~[each]~~ be headed by an assistant  
19          adjutant general~~[, who shall, while holding the office, have a~~  
20          ~~grade no higher than brigadier general]~~. The air division shall  
21          be headed by a chief of staff or an assistant adjutant general,



1 as determined by the adjutant general. The assistant adjutants  
2 general[7] or chief of staff, when in the full-time employment  
3 of the department of defense, may receive the pay and allowance  
4 of their grade as fixed by the tables of the regular army or air  
5 force of the United States."

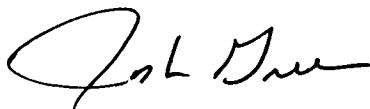
6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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S.D. 1

APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2025

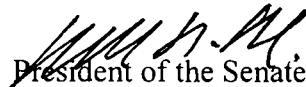
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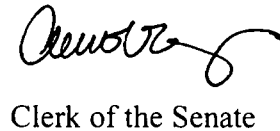
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: February 28, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: **APR 08 2025**  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.



Speaker, House of Representatives



Clerk, House of Representatives