

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



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1171**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 19, 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 May 19, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 345, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP.  
**ACT 071**

Mahalo,

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

on MAY 19 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 071**  
**H.B. NO.** 345  
H.D. 2  
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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that anchialine pools,  
2 also known as wai 'ōpae, are considered wahi pana, or culturally  
3 sacred, special ecosystems in Hawaii. Of the seven hundred  
4 recorded anchialine pools in the State, over six hundred fifty  
5 pools are located in the county of Hawaii, mostly in the  
6 districts of north and south Kona and Ka'ū.

7       The 'ōpae 'ula is a species of shrimp endemic to Hawaii's  
8 anchialine pools. The population of 'ōpae 'ula is an important  
9 indicator of the health of an anchialine pool. In healthy  
10 anchialine pools, the population of 'ōpae 'ula is abundant.

11       The legislature further finds that the designation of the  
12 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp will raise awareness of the 'ōpae  
13 'ula and support efforts to protect anchialine pool ecosystems  
14 throughout the State as a natural resource. In designating the  
15 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp, the legislature does not intend



1 to prevent or impact the traditional and ongoing practice of  
2 harvesting 'ōpae to be used in 'ōpelu fishing.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish 'ōpae  
4 'ula as the state shrimp.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
7 read as follows:

8 "§5- State shrimp. The 'ōpae 'ula (Halocaridina rubra),  
9 also known as the red shrimp, is established and designated as  
10 the official shrimp of the State."


11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



H.B. NO. 345  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2025

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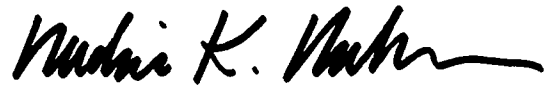
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 345, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

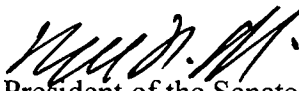


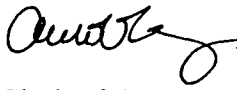
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final 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