

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



GOV. MSG. NO. 1191

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 27, 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 27, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1095, S.D. 1,  
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.  
**ACT 091**

Mahalo,

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

on MAY 27 2025

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 091**  
**S.B. NO.** 1095  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that numerous private  
2 organizations have attempted to amend existing law to enable  
3 special number plates with full-plate designs to raise revenue  
4 for their causes. While successful in some cases, the  
5 legislature also finds that the county agencies responsible for  
6 issuing license plates bear significant burden contracting to  
7 produce new license plates each time a new license plate law is  
8 adopted. In addition, creating a full-plate design requires  
9 acquiring non-standard specialized license plates, which can  
10 cause complications with procurement and cost.

11       The legislature further finds that existing law allows  
12 private organizations to apply for and have license plate  
13 designs based on decals added to standard license plates limited  
14 to three inches wide by three inches high, which can raise  
15 revenue for their causes, without having to change the law, or  
16 add burden to the counties.



1       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to reduce the  
2       burden on organizations attempting to amend special number plate  
3       statutes and the counties attempting to implement special number  
4       plate requirements by expanding the existing decal size  
5       restrictions.

6       SECTION 2. Section 249-9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7       amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8       "(a) In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of  
9       the counties by the director of finance of the city and county  
10      of Honolulu, the county directors of finance shall issue special  
11      number plates to any organization in the State that meets the  
12      minimum standards and qualifications established under this  
13      section. Organizations are authorized to retain the fees  
14      collected, less expenses, for the special number plates.

15      The director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu,  
16      in consultation with the directors of finance of the counties of  
17      Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, shall establish special design  
18      parameters and restrictions for decals or graphic  
19      representations affixable to special number plates; provided  
20      that the decal shall not be larger than [~~three~~] four inches wide  
21      by [~~three~~] four inches high."



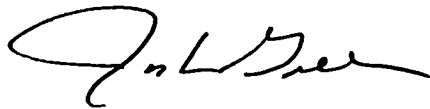
1       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2025

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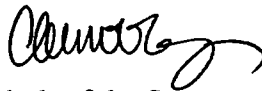
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**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

SB No. 1095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

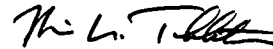
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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.

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Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita".

Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives