

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



GOV. MSG. NO. 1235

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 30, 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 30, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 961, H.D. 1,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
**ACT 135**

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 30 2025

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

**ACT 135**  
**H.B. NO.** 961  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that out of the two  
2       hundred fifty-eight public elementary, middle, intermediate, and  
3       high schools throughout the State, only seventy-five schools  
4       have a full-time or part-time librarian position filled to  
5       support student learning in 2025.

6       The purpose of this Act is to:

7       (1) Establish a two-year pilot program for two full-time  
8       equivalent (2.0 FTE) certified librarians to provide  
9       rotating support services to schools in one school  
10      complex on Oahu and one school complex on a neighbor  
11      island; and

12      (2) Appropriate funds for the positions.

13      SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
14      of education a two-year pilot program for two full-time  
15      equivalent (2.0 FTE) certified librarians to provide rotating  
16      support services to one school complex on Oahu and one school  
17      complex on a neighbor island. The department of education shall



1 determine which school complexes shall be part of the pilot  
2 program.

3 (b) The department of education shall submit a report to  
4 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
5 of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027. Each report shall  
6 include findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
7 legislation, about the pilot project established pursuant to  
8 subsection (a). The report submitted prior to the convening of  
9 the regular session of 2027 shall make a recommendation as to  
10 whether the pilot project should be extended.

11 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,  
12 2027.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$132,308 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2026-2027 for the establishment of two full-time equivalent (2.0  
18 FTE) twelve-month state office-level teacher positions under the  
19 department of education for the pilot program established  
20 pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the funds  
21 appropriated shall be allocated as follows:



1           (1)   \$66,154 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
2                    twelve-month state office-level teacher position, to  
3                    be filled by a certified librarian, for a school  
4                    complex on Oahu; and

5           (2)   \$66,154 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
6                    twelve-month state office-level teacher position, to  
7                    be filled by a certified librarian, for a school  
8                    complex on a neighbor island.

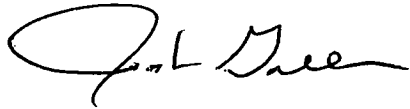
9           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10   of education for the purposes of this Act.

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



H.B. NO. 961  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 30th day of May, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James I. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 961, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

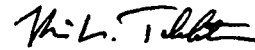
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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

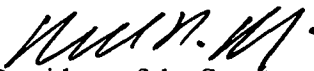



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**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