

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1241

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. 133, H.D. 2,
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO SURFING.
ACT 141

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SURFING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that surfing is of
2 significant cultural, social, and economic value to the people
3 of the State, as well as the many visitors who travel to the
4 State for surfing. In recognition of surfing as a part of the
5 State's history and its long-standing cultural roots in Hawaii,
6 surfing was sanctioned by the department of education and
7 approved by the board of education as a high school sport in
8 2016. However, only one of five local athletic leagues have
9 sponsored surfing. The lack of interscholastic surfing programs
10 limits opportunities for inspired students to pursue competitive
11 surfing.

12 The legislature further finds that surfing is a significant
13 economic driver for the State. Surfing has grown into an
14 important industry in the State, bringing in tourists from all
15 over the world. The State is also known for hosting prestigious
16 surf contests that attract numerous competitors and spectators
17 who are interested in viewing the sport in person. An economic



1 impact study on the 2010 Vans Triple Crown of Surfing, held on
2 the north shore of Oahu, estimated that the event generated
3 \$20,900,000 in spending. Devoting resources to surfing programs
4 in the State's schools will perpetuate the sport of surfing in
5 the State and continue to entice tourists across the globe to
6 visit the State to spectate or experience surfing firsthand.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
8 department of education to support the establishment of surfing
9 as an interscholastic sport.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$685,870 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2026-2027 to support the establishment of surfing as an
15 interscholastic sport.

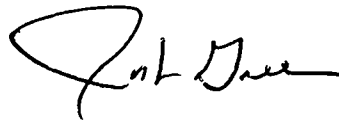
16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of education for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



H.B. NO. 133
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 30th day of May, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 133, 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

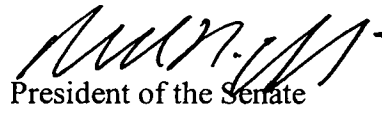


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

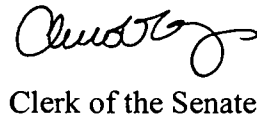
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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