

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



GOV. MSG. NO. 1274

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 4, 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 June 4, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1379, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1

RELATING TO HEALTH.  
**ACT 174**

Mahalo,

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

on JUN 4 2025

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

**ACT 174**  
**H.B. NO.** 1379  
H.D. 2  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 453-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "**§453-4.5 Foreign medical graduates; alternative**  
4 **qualifications.** Notwithstanding section 453-4(b)(2)(B), a  
5 graduate of a foreign medical school [~~who has passed~~] may be  
6 licensed by the Hawaii medical board under section 453-4(c) if  
7 the graduate:

8       (1) Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or  
9 the United States Medical Licensing Examination  
10 (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as  
11 approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory  
12 to the board, passed the qualifying examination of the  
13 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates  
14 [~~prior to 1984~~], and has at least three years of  
15 medical training or experience in a hospital approved  
16 by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of  
17 the American Medical Association for internship or



1        residency [~~may be licensed by the Hawaii medical board~~  
2        ~~under section 453-4(c).~~]; or

- 3        (2) Passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or  
4        the United States Medical Licensing Examination  
5        (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as  
6        approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory  
7        to the board, possesses an Educational Commission for  
8        Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and has  
9        successfully completed two years of post-graduate  
10       medical training in a program approved by the  
11       Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education  
12       or American Osteopathic Association or a Canadian  
13       program that has been accredited for resident training  
14       by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of  
15       Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada;  
16       provided that if the post-graduate medical training  
17       involves a subspecialty clinical fellowship program,  
18       the board may accept post-graduate medical training in  
19       a hospital that has an Accreditation Council for  
20       Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic



1           Association or accredited Canadian post graduate  
2           medical training program in the parent specialty."

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

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



H.B. NO. 1379  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "G".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1379, HD 2, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 21, 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

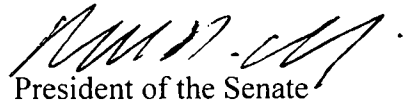


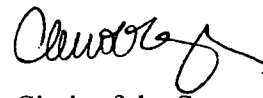
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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

Date: April 8, 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