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GOV. MSG. NO. 1211

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 29, 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 29, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1008 H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO PARKING.
ACT 111

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the statewide
2 parking program for persons with disabilities, was established
3 to provide individuals with mobility disabilities the ability to
4 travel and park in accessible parking spaces via the use of
5 parking placards. However, improper use and insufficient
6 enforcement impact access for legitimate program participants.

7 The legislature further finds that adoption of electric
8 vehicles is a vital step in the State's efforts to combat
9 climate change, reach the 2045 mandated carbon neutrality, and
10 create a more sustainable future. The legislature has made
11 efforts to encourage and facilitate the adoption of electric
12 vehicles with tax credits and with designated charging parking
13 spaces. These parking spaces not only encourage the adoption of
14 electric vehicles but are a vital component to personal and
15 statewide use. The ability to park in an electric vehicle space
16 allows individuals to make sure they can continue to use their



1 vehicle with ease and have the security to make it to their next
2 destination with adequate fuel.

3 The legislature concludes that the use of these spaces by
4 non-electric vehicles not only takes away an incentive granted
5 to electric vehicle drivers but can imperil their transportation
6 use by not allowing them the opportunity to recharge.

7 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
8 counties to adopt ordinances to enforce the accessible parking
9 space design requirements for parking for disabled persons and
10 parking for electric vehicles and any respective administrative
11 rules to ensure unimpeded access for program participants.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
14 designated and to read as follows:

15 "§291- Requirement to provide parking for persons with
16 disabilities; ordinances to enforce. (a) Each county may adopt
17 ordinances to:

- 18 (1) Enforce the design and construction requirements of
19 this part, and any administrative rules adopted
20 pursuant to this part, pertaining to the provision of
21 parking spaces and access to parking spaces reserved



1 for persons with disabilities, including but not
2 limited to the number, location, design, and signage
3 of these parking spaces; and

4 (2) Establish penalties for failure to comply with
5 ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.

6 (b) An official appointed by a county may enter the
7 property of a place of public accommodation to enforce any
8 applicable ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.

9 (c) For the purposes of this section, "place of public
10 accommodation" has the same meaning as in section 489-2."

11 SECTION 3. Section 291-73, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~§~~291-73~~§~~ **Ordinances to enforce authorized.** (a)
14 Each county may adopt ordinances to enforce the requirements of
15 section 291-71, including the establishment of penalties for
16 failure to comply with the requirements of that section or
17 maintain electric vehicle charging systems in working order.

18 (b) Any official appointed by a county may enter the
19 property of a place of public accommodation to enforce any
20 applicable ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.



1 (c) For the purposes of this section, "place of public
2 accommodation" has the same meaning as in section 489-2."

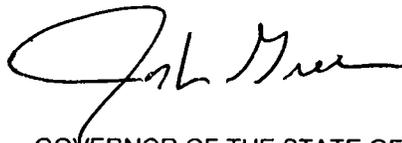
3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 29th 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. 1008, 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.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives