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KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1248

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 3, 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 3, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1422, S.D. 1,  
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.  
**ACT 148**

Mahalo,

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

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 338-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§338-14.5 Copies of certificate; fees. The fees for  
4 certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or death  
5 certificates issued by the department of health shall consist of  
6 \$10 for the first copy issued and \$4 for each copy issued  
7 thereafter. These fees shall be collected for each single  
8 request for certified copies. All fees received for the  
9 issuance of certified copies of birth, marriage, divorce, or  
10 death certificates shall be remitted to the director of health.  
11 Upon the receipt of remittances under this section, the director  
12 of health shall deposit:

13 (1) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse  
14 and child abuse special fund established under  
15 section 346-7.5;



1 (2) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the spouse  
2 and child abuse special account established under  
3 section 601-3.6;

4 (3) \$1 for each certified copy to the credit of the  
5 domestic violence and sexual assault special fund  
6 established under section 321-1.3; and

7 (4) [~~\$1~~] The remainder of the fee for each certified copy  
8 to the credit of the vital statistics improvement  
9 special fund established under section 338-14.6 [~~and~~

10 ~~(5) The remainder of the fee for each certified copy to~~  
11 ~~the credit of the state general fund]."~~

12 SECTION 2. Section 338-14.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) The fund shall consist of fees remitted pursuant to  
15 [~~section~~] sections 338-14.5 [~~-~~] and 572-5. All realizations of  
16 the fund shall be subject to the conditions specified in  
17 subsection (b)."

18 SECTION 3. Section 572-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

20 "(a) The department of health shall appoint, and at its  
21 pleasure remove, one or more suitable persons as agents



1 authorized to grant marriage licenses under this chapter in each  
2 judicial circuit. The agents may issue licenses from any state  
3 facility when deemed necessary by the director. Any agent  
4 appointed under this subsection and receiving an application for  
5 a marriage license shall collect from the applicant for the  
6 license \$60, of which the agent, except those provided for in  
7 subsection (b), shall retain \$9 for the agent's benefit and  
8 compensation and shall remit \$51 to the director of health.  
9 Upon the receipt of remittances under this subsection, the  
10 director of health shall deposit:

- 11 (1) \$32 for each license issued to the credit of the  
12 general fund of the State;
- 13 (2) \$4.50 for each license issued to the credit of the  
14 spouse and child abuse special fund established under  
15 section 346-7.5;
- 16 (3) \$4.50 for each license issued to the credit of the  
17 spouse and child abuse special account established  
18 under section 601-3.6; and
- 19 (4) \$10 for each license issued to the credit of the  
20 [~~birth defects special fund established under section~~



1           ~~321-426.]~~ vital statistics improvement special fund  
2           established under section 338-14.6.

3           (b) The department may appoint, as regular employees under  
4 the civil service and classification laws, the number of  
5 suitable persons as agents authorized to grant marriage licenses  
6 for whom provision has been made in the general appropriation  
7 act. In the case of these agents, the full amount collected  
8 from applicants shall be remitted to the director of health.  
9 Upon the receipt of remittances under this subsection, the  
10 director of health shall deposit:

- 11           (1) \$41 for each license issued to the credit of the  
12           general fund of the State;
- 13           (2) \$4.50 for each license issued to the credit of the  
14           spouse and child abuse special fund established under  
15           section 346-7.5;
- 16           (3) \$4.50 for each license issued to the credit of the  
17           spouse and child abuse special account established  
18           under section 601-3.6; and
- 19           (4) \$10 for each license issued to the credit of the  
20           ~~[birth defects special fund established under section~~



1           ~~321-426.]~~ vital statistics improvement special fund  
2           established under section 338-14.6."

3           SECTION 4. Section 321-426, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 repealed.

5           ~~["~~§321-426] Birth defects special fund. There is~~~~  
6 ~~established within the state treasury the birth defects special~~  
7 ~~fund to be administered and expended by the department of~~  
8 ~~health, into which shall be deposited fees remitted pursuant to~~  
9 ~~section 572-5. Moneys in the special fund shall be used for the~~  
10 ~~payment of the operating expenses of the birth defects~~  
11 ~~program." ]~~

12           SECTION 5. Any unencumbered and unexpended balance  
13 existing as of the effective date of this Act in the birth  
14 defects special fund established under section 321-426, Hawaii  
15 Revised Statutes, shall be deposited into the vital statistics  
16 improvement special fund, established under section 338-14.6,  
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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S.D. 1  
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APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2025

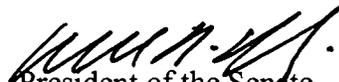


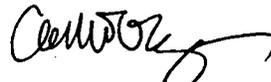
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**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. 1422, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

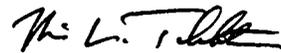
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives