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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1250

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. 479, S.D. 1,
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS
PROGRAM.
ACT 150

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
- 2 (1) Repeal statutory language that gives the director of
- 3 finance discretion to use moneys in the Hawaii ABLE
- 4 savings program trust fund if the director elects to
- 5 accept deposits from contributors instead of sending
- 6 deposits directly to the ABLE program manager;
- 7 (2) Authorize the director of finance to expend moneys in
- 8 the Hawaii ABLE savings program trust fund to provide
- 9 incentive payments to ABLE account owners;
- 10 (3) Make an appropriation to the department of budget and
- 11 finance to fund incentive payments to ABLE account
- 12 owners; and
- 13 (4) Make an appropriation to the department of health to
- 14 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
- 15 position to provide statewide outreach, advocacy, and
- 16 relationship management for the Hawaii ABLE savings
- 17 program.



1 SECTION 2. Section 256B-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) through (c) to
3 read as follows:

4 "[~~f~~]§256B-8[~~l~~] **Hawaii ABLE savings program trust fund.**

5 (a) There is established the Hawaii ABLE savings program trust
6 fund within the state treasury [~~of the State. The fund shall~~
7 ~~consist of~~], into which shall be deposited:

8 (1) Any moneys received from an ABLE savings program
9 manager[~~, any~~];

10 (2) Any moneys received from governmental or private
11 grants[~~, and any general fund appropriations for~~];

12 (3) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the
13 program[~~l~~];

14 (4) Any moneys deposited by contributors in accordance
15 with this chapter that are not deposited directly with
16 the program manager; and

17 (5) All interest derived from the deposit and investment
18 of moneys in the trust fund.

19 (b) [~~The fund shall be used if the director elects to~~
20 ~~accept deposits from contributors, rather than have deposits~~
21 ~~sent directly to the program manager. The fund shall consist of~~



1 ~~any moneys deposited by contributors in accordance with this~~
 2 ~~chapter which are not deposited directly with the program~~
 3 ~~manager.] All moneys in the trust fund shall be expended by the~~
 4 ~~director to fulfill the purposes of this chapter, including to~~
 5 ~~provide incentive payments to ABLE account owners as a means of~~
 6 ~~encouraging the participation of eligible individuals and~~
 7 ~~families to save funds; provided that the director shall~~
 8 ~~maintain and keep separate records to account for any incentive~~
 9 ~~program payments.~~

10 (c) ~~[All interest derived from the deposit and investment~~
 11 ~~of moneys in the savings program trust fund shall be credited to~~
 12 ~~the fund.]~~ At the end of any fiscal year, all unexpended and
 13 unencumbered moneys in the savings program trust fund shall
 14 remain in the savings program trust fund and shall not be
 15 credited or transferred to the general fund or any other funds."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
 19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 20 2026-2027 to be deposited into the Hawaii ABLE savings program
 21 trust fund.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii ABLE
2 savings program trust fund the sum of \$13,000 or so much thereof
3 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum
4 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027
5 to provide incentive payments to ABLE account owners.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
7 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii ABLE
9 savings program trust fund the sum of \$62,000 or so much thereof
10 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum
11 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027
12 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent
13 position within the state council on developmental disabilities
14 to provide statewide outreach, advocacy, and relationship
15 management for the Hawaii ABLE savings program.

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

18 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the
19 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
20 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
21 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the



1 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
2 of this Act are severable.

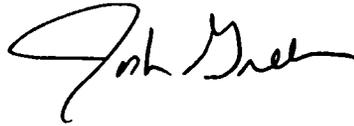
3 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" and last name "Green" clearly distinguishable.

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. 479, 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