

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



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1313**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 25, 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 25, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1159, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS.  
**ACT 211**

Mahalo,

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

on JUN 25 2025

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

**ACT 211**  
**H.B. NO.** 1159  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established the commercial  
2 harbors emergency evacuation working group within the department  
3 of transportation for administrative purposes.

4           (b) The working group shall:

5           (1) Review current federal and state laws regarding  
6 emergency evacuation procedures for commercial  
7 harbors;

8           (2) Determine whether there is adequate space in  
9 commercial harbors for all vessels to moor should they  
10 be required to evacuate Honolulu harbor and come up  
11 with a comprehensive mooring plan; and

12           (3) Review and evaluate whether current federal and state  
13 penalties are sufficient to ensure compliance with  
14 emergency evacuation orders for commercial harbors.

15           (c) The working group shall consist of the following:



- 1           (1) The deputy director of the harbors division of the  
2           department of transportation who shall serve as chair  
3           of the working group;
- 4           (2) The chairs of the senate and house of representatives  
5           standing committees whose subject matter purview  
6           includes transportation;
- 7           (3) The United States Coast Guard captain of the port  
8           Honolulu sector, to be invited by the chair of the  
9           working group; and
- 10          (4) Users of the commercial harbors that are invited by  
11          the chair of the working group including but not  
12          limited to transpacific ocean carriers, interisland  
13          ocean carriers, a representative of the Hawaii  
14          Longline Association, a representative of the United  
15          Fishing Agency, cruise line operators, and tug and  
16          barge operators.
- 17          (d) The chair of the working group shall provide an option  
18          to attend each meeting remotely.
- 19          (e) The members of the working group shall serve without  
20          compensation; provided that members who are employees of the  
21          State shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel



1 expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. No  
2 member of the working group shall be subject to chapter 84,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the member's  
4 participation in the working group.

5 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its  
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
8 to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

9 (g) The department of transportation shall provide  
10 necessary administrative support to the working group in  
11 carrying out their duties, including facilitating stakeholder  
12 engagement, arranging informational briefings, coordinating  
13 relevant site visits, and preparation of the report pursuant to  
14 subsection (f).

15 (h) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2027.

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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H.D. 2  
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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 25th day of June , 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1159, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

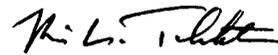
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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