

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



GOV. MSG. NO. 1317

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. 1424, H.D. 1,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.  
**ACT 215**

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 25 2025

**ACT 215**

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

**H.B. NO.** 1424  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for fiscal year  
2       2025, the executive branch had requested about \$3,600,000,000 in  
3       funding for more than forty-seven thousand permanent and three  
4       thousand six hundred temporary authorized positions. The amount  
5       requested accounted for more than twenty per cent of all  
6       authorized funds in fiscal year 2025.

7       The legislature further finds that there has been a high  
8       vacancy rate in public employment positions and funds  
9       appropriated for these positions are either transferred or used  
10      for purposes that are not consistent with the purpose for which  
11      the appropriation was authorized. A vacancy report from  
12      December 2024 from the department of human resources development  
13      identified four thousand eighty-five vacancies, or about twenty-  
14      four per cent of civil service positions, in the State.

15      The purpose of this Act is to increase legislative  
16      oversight to ensure that funds appropriated by the legislature  
17      are used for their intended purpose by requiring an annual



1 report to the legislature on the transfer of funds originally  
2 appropriated for positions but used for operating expenses, and  
3 vice versa.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
5 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
6 read as follows:

7 "§37- Transfers of funds; positions; operating  
8 expenses; report. The director of finance shall submit an  
9 annual report to the legislature no later than sixty days after  
10 the end of the fiscal year that shall, at minimum:

- 11 (1) Identify all positions funded by appropriations  
12 intended for operating expenses including but not  
13 limited to equipment and motor vehicles;  
14 (2) Identify operating expenses funded by appropriations  
15 intended for filling positions during the preceding  
16 fiscal year; and  
17 (3) Include, if applicable, a list of departments that  
18 failed to provide information necessary to complete  
19 the report."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



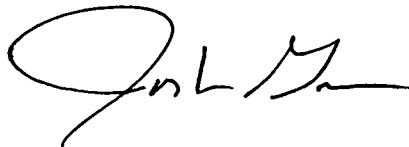
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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 1424  
H.D. 1  
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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. 1424, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

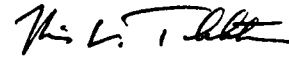
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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.

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Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita", with a stylized, cursive script.


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