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GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1362

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 1, 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 July 1, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 116, S.D. 2,  
H.D. 1

RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION.  
**ACT 259**

Mahalo,

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



1 enforcement officer to come to a location to contact a person on  
2 the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, color,  
3 ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age,  
4 religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or  
5 expression with the specific intent to:

- 6 (1) Infringe upon the person's rights under the Hawaii  
7 State Constitution or United States Constitution;
- 8 (2) Discriminate against the person;
- 9 (3) Cause the person to feel harassed, humiliated, or  
10 embarrassed;
- 11 (4) Cause the person to be expelled from a place that the  
12 person is lawfully located;
- 13 (5) Damage the person's reputation or standing within the  
14 community; or
- 15 (6) Damage the person's financial, economic, consumer, or  
16 business prospects or interests,

17 shall be liable in a civil action or proceeding.

18 (b) Any person injured by a violation of subsection (a)  
19 may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction in  
20 the State for injunctive relief; payment for damages, which may  
21 include punitive damages; or other appropriate relief. If, in



1 the action, the court finds that the defendant is violating or  
2 has violated subsection (a), the court shall enjoin the  
3 defendant from a continuance thereof. It shall not be necessary  
4 that actual damages to the plaintiff be alleged or proved in  
5 order to obtain the injunction.

6 (c) If the judgment is for the plaintiff, the plaintiff  
7 shall be awarded damages of no less than \$1,000 plus attorneys'  
8 fees and costs.

9 § -2 **Guidance.** The department of law enforcement, in  
10 consultation with the Hawaii civil rights commission, shall  
11 provide guidance to the public on the civil liability and  
12 remedies available for discriminatory reporting to a law  
13 enforcement officer pursuant to this chapter."

14 SECTION 3. Section 368-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§368-1 **Purpose and intent.** The legislature finds and  
17 declares that the practice of discrimination because of race,  
18 color, religion, age, sex, including gender identity or  
19 expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin,  
20 place of birth, ancestry, or disability in employment, housing,  
21 public accommodations, or access to services receiving state



1 financial assistance is against public policy. It is the  
2 purpose of this chapter to provide a mechanism that provides for  
3 a uniform procedure for the enforcement of the State's  
4 discrimination laws. It is the legislature's intent to preserve  
5 all existing rights and remedies under such laws."

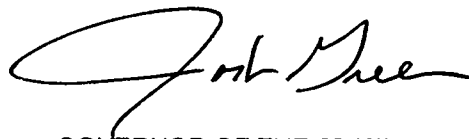
6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 1st day of July, 2025

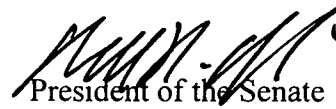
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

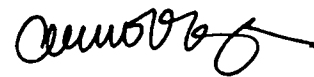
**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 21, 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

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 4, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third 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