

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1368

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. 119, S.D. 1,
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO NURSING.
ACT 265

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces a
2 growing nursing workforce shortage, with the current demand for
3 nurses exceeding supply by approximately one thousand positions.
4 Experts have recommended expanding the capacity of university
5 nursing programs to help reduce nursing workforce shortages.

6 The legislature further finds that the county of Maui is
7 the largest county in the State without a college or university
8 bachelor of science in nursing degree program. The university
9 of Hawaii Maui college's nursing program offers two degrees: a
10 certificate of achievement and an associate in science in
11 nursing. Students who earn an associate in science in nursing
12 must then transfer to the bachelor of science in nursing pathway
13 at the university of Hawaii at Manoa to further their education.

14 The legislature believes that offering a bachelor of
15 science in nursing program at the university of Hawaii Maui
16 college can help to increase the supply of nurse graduates,



1 reduce the nursing workforce shortage, and allow Maui nursing
2 students to remain on Maui during their entire course of study.

3 The legislature declares that the establishment of a
4 bachelor of science in nursing program in the county of Maui is
5 a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article X, section 6,
6 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
8 establishment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree program
9 at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
13 sum of \$350,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for
14 fiscal year 2026-2027 to:

- 15 (1) Establish a bachelor of science in nursing degree
16 program at the university of Hawaii Maui college;
17 (2) Fund additional personnel associated with the
18 establishment of the program; and
19 (3) Purchase related supplies and equipment.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
21 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



S.B. NO. 119
S.D. 1
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APPROVED this 1st day of July, 2025

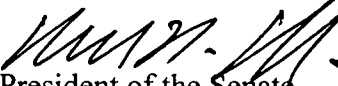
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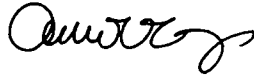
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 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. 119, 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