

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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July 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:

I am transmitting herewith S.B. 1102 without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

S.B. 1102 RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT.

Mahalo,

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

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June 3, 2025

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1102

Honorable Members
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

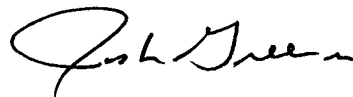
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1102, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit."

The purpose of this bill is to specify the appointment process and term for the Fire Chief of the Hawaii State Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit (Fire Chief) within the Department of Transportation Airports Division.

This bill is objectionable because the appointment process proposed in the bill is inconsistent with the selection process for other department leadership positions. Further, the need to obtain legislative approval for the appointment of the Fire Chief may delay the appointment of this critical leadership position and impact airport operations, safety, and readiness.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1102 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§261- Hawaii state aircraft rescue fire fighting unit;
5 chief; term limits. (a) The director of transportation shall
6 appoint the fire chief of the Hawaii state aircraft rescue fire
7 fighting unit of the airports division of the department of
8 transportation from a list of three qualified candidates
9 submitted for consideration by the state fire council, subject
10 to the advice and consent of the senate.

11 (b) Each appointed fire chief of the Hawaii state aircraft
12 rescue fire fighting unit of the airports division of the
13 department of transportation shall serve a term of four years.
14 No fire chief shall be appointed to more than two consecutive
15 terms."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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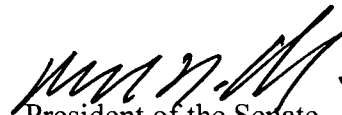
APPROVED this day of , 2025

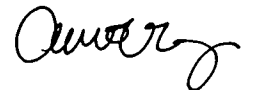
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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. 1102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

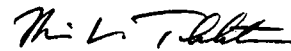
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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 horizontal flourish.

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives