

Act 159

Hawai'i Revised Statutes 831-3.2(f)

Implementation Status

Arrest Expungement Process – HRS 831-3.2(f)

Prior to July 1, 2025

- Application submitted to HCJDC.
- 2. Expungement Certificate is issued to the applicant.
- 3. Applicant submits written request to the court to seal or remove the court record from eCourt Kokua.
- 4. Court conducts records review.
- Court renders a decision. If applicant is entitled to relief under HRS 831-3.2(f), an Order to Seal the associated record is filed.
- 6. The associated court record is removed from eCourt Kokua.
- 7. A filed copy of the Order is provided to the applicant.

Effective July 1, 2025

- 1. Application submitted to HCJDC.
- 2. Expungement Certificate is issued to the applicant.
- 3. HCJDC digitally transmits the expungement certificate to the court.
- 4. Court conducts court records review.
- 5. Court renders decision. If the applicant is entitled to relief under HRS 831-3.2(f), an Order to Remove the associated court record is filed.
- 6. The associated court record is removed from eCourt Kokua.
- 7. A filed copy of the Order is provided to the applicant.

By the Numbers

	July 2025	August 2025
Certificates Received	125	87
Court Orders Filed	17	100

Orders Filed	July & August
First Circuit City & County of Honolulu	81
Second Circuit Maui County	14
Third Circuit Hawaiʻi County	7
Fifth Circuit Kauaʻi County	15

State v. Rogan

Procedural Impact

Removing Court Records from eCourt Kokua

Expungement Certificates issued by the HCJDC will be automatically transmitted to the Judiciary. The court will review the expungement certificate for applicability. If applicable, the court record will be "removed" from eCourt Kokua thereby making the record not searchable or viewable by the public online via eCourt Kōkua. Per <u>State v. Rogan</u>, the "removed" record will be made available for review at the courthouse.

Sealing Court Records

Sealing the court record requires a specific written request or motion, an opportunity for the parties and the public to be heard, and written findings entered by the court.

Hawai'i Supreme Court rules are forthcoming.