



GOV. MSG. NO. 1104

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 12, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 12, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1899

RELATING TO STATE SNAILS.
ACT 004

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE SNAILS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's land snails
2 have a significant role in native ecosystems. Hawaii's land
3 snails act as fungivores that scrape fungus from plants to
4 promote plant health, decompose decaying material for plant
5 nutrients, and are a major component of intact watershed forest
6 communities. These snails may also serve as a food source for
7 other native species. In Hawaiian culture, snails such as
8 kāhuli, pūpūkanioe, and pūpū kuahiwi have a significant role in
9 native songs, hula, and chants and are a symbol of romance and
10 omens. Furthermore, land snails are among the most threatened
11 of all animal groups in the world, with more recorded
12 extinctions than birds and mammals combined.

13 The legislature further finds that designating certain
14 species as official state snails that are emblematic of Hawaii
15 will increase awareness of the imperiled status and cultural and
16 ecological relevance of all Hawaiian land snails, preserve their



1 cultural and ecological significance, and encourage continued
2 conservation of native Hawaiian invertebrates.

3 The legislature also finds that previous legislation in
4 2020 would have designated a single species as the state snail
5 and that, due to the geographic variability of snails and their
6 close ties to particular islands, the senate standing committee
7 on government operations invited the Bishop Museum and
8 department of land and natural resources to suggest multiple
9 snails species to be designated as official state snails to
10 better represent the diversity of the Hawaiian Islands.

11 The legislature finds that 2023 was proclaimed "Year of the
12 Kāhuli", during which the Bishop Museum organized a statewide
13 snail voting campaign to give voice to the community in deciding
14 which snail species to recommend to the legislature to be
15 designated as the official state snail for each island. As a
16 result, Hawaii's K-12 students and community members from across
17 the State voted to establish snails that are emblematic of the
18 distinctive flora and fauna of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
19 and each island in Hawaii.



1 The purpose of this Act is to designate official state
2 snails based on the results of the Bishop Museum community
3 outreach and voting process.

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

7 "§5- State snails. (a) Hini hini kua mauna (Succinea
8 konaensis) is established and designated as the official snail
9 of the island of Hawai'i.

10 (b) Pūpū kua mauna (Lyropupa striatula) is established and
11 designated as the official snail of the island of Maui.

12 (c) Pūpū kua mauna (Pleuropoma laciniosa kahoowawensis) is
13 established and designated as the official snail of the island
14 of Kaho'olawe.

15 (d) Pūpū kuahiwi (Auriculella lanaiensis) is established
16 and designated as the official snail of the island of Lāna'i.

17 (e) Pūpū kuahiwi (Laminella venusta) is established and
18 designated as the official snail of the island of Moloka'i.

19 (f) Kāhuli (Kaala subrutila) is established and designated
20 as the official snail of the island of O'ahu.



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1 (g) Erinna newcombi is established and designated as the
2 official snail of the island of Kaua'i.

3 (h) Kahelelani'ila'ula (Collonista verruca) is established
4 and designated as the official snail of the island of Ni'ihau.

5 (i) Naka kua mauna (Endodonta christenseni) is established
6 and designated as the official snail of the Northwestern
7 Hawaiian Islands."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *Linda Ichijane*

JAN 19 2024

APPROVED this 12th day of April , 2024

Josh Green M.D.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1899

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 29, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

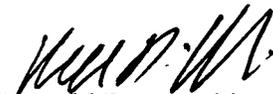


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAR 25 2024**
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate