

## GOV. MSG. NO. 1301

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

July 5, 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 July 5, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2284 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII.

ACT 200

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 5 2024

THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII **ACT 200** 

S.B. NO. 2284 S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that requiring the
- 2 university of Hawaii to establish a two-year program to develop
- 3 a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial
- 4 intelligence is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to
- 5 article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.
- 6 SECTION 2. (a) The university of Hawaii shall establish
- 7 and implement a two-year program to develop a wildfire forecast
- 8 system for the State using artificial intelligence. The
- 9 university of Hawaii shall develop the system to forecast the
- 10 risk of wildfire statewide and thus enhance public safety,
- 11 preparedness, and risk mitigation, including improving the
- 12 preparedness of firefighters and enabling residents to take fire
- 13 mitigation measures for their homes and to plan for evacuations.
- 14 (b) The university of Hawaii shall submit a report on the
- 15 effectiveness of the program and any findings and
- 16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
- 17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 18 the regular session of 2026.

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- 1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
- 4 development of the wildfire forecast system pursuant to
- 5 section 2 of this Act.
- 6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
- 7 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

S.B. NO. S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

APPROVED this

5th

day of

July

, 2024

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

### THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.

Clerk of the Senate

### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

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Chief Clerk

House of Representatives