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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1313

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 25, 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 June 25, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1159, H.D. 2,
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS.
ACT 211

Mahalo,

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

on JUN 25 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 211
H.B. NO. 1159
H.D. 2
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established the commercial
2 harbors emergency evacuation working group within the department
3 of transportation for administrative purposes.

4 (b) The working group shall:

5 (1) Review current federal and state laws regarding
6 emergency evacuation procedures for commercial
7 harbors;

8 (2) Determine whether there is adequate space in
9 commercial harbors for all vessels to moor should they
10 be required to evacuate Honolulu harbor and come up
11 with a comprehensive mooring plan; and

12 (3) Review and evaluate whether current federal and state
13 penalties are sufficient to ensure compliance with
14 emergency evacuation orders for commercial harbors.

15 (c) The working group shall consist of the following:



1 (1) The deputy director of the harbors division of the
2 department of transportation who shall serve as chair
3 of the working group;

4 (2) The chairs of the senate and house of representatives
5 standing committees whose subject matter purview
6 includes transportation;

7 (3) The United States Coast Guard captain of the port
8 Honolulu sector, to be invited by the chair of the
9 working group; and

10 (4) Users of the commercial harbors that are invited by
11 the chair of the working group including but not
12 limited to transpacific ocean carriers, interisland
13 ocean carriers, a representative of the Hawaii
14 Longline Association, a representative of the United
15 Fishing Agency, cruise line operators, and tug and
16 barge operators.

17 (d) The chair of the working group shall provide an option
18 to attend each meeting remotely.

19 (e) The members of the working group shall serve without
20 compensation; provided that members who are employees of the
21 State shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel



1 expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. No
2 member of the working group shall be subject to chapter 84,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the member's
4 participation in the working group.

5 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

9 (g) The department of transportation shall provide
10 necessary administrative support to the working group in
11 carrying out their duties, including facilitating stakeholder
12 engagement, arranging informational briefings, coordinating
13 relevant site visits, and preparation of the report pursuant to
14 subsection (f).

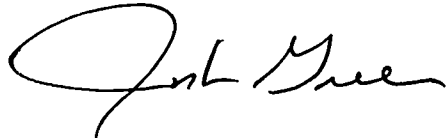
15 (h) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2027.

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 1159
H.D. 2
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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1159, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

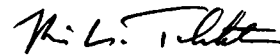
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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.

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Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

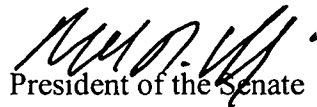
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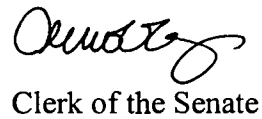
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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