

GOV. MSG. NO. 1294

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 2023

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 3, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

SB214 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT. ACT 191

Sincerely, oh Green M.D.

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

Approved by the Governor

on _____

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THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

ACT 191

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S.B. NO. 214 S.D. 1

RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to rea	ad as follows:
4	" <u>§71</u>	1- Interference with the operation of a public
5	transit vo	ehicle. (1) A person commits the offense of
6	interfere	nce with the operation of a public transit vehicle if
7	the person	n intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes:
8	<u>(a)</u>	Damage of a public transit vehicle, resulting in the
9		vehicle's removal from service; or
10	(b)	The unreasonable interruption of a public transit
11		system or service.
12	(2)	As used in this section, "public transit vehicle"
13	includes:	
14	<u>(a)</u>	Any public paratransit vehicle providing service to
15		the disabled;
16	(b)	Any transit vehicle used for the transportation of
17		passengers in return for legally charged fees or
18		fares, including any taxi; and
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1	(c) Any transit vehicle owned or operated by a government
2	entity, including any school bus.
3	(3) Interference with the operation of a public transit
4	vehicle shall be a violation; provided that interference with
5	the operation of a public transit vehicle that results in
6	serious bodily injury to, or death of, any person, shall be a
7	class C felony."
8	SECTION 2. Section 711-1112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended by amending subsections (1) and (2) to read as follows:
10	"(1) A person commits the offense of interference with the
11	operator of a public transit vehicle if the person interferes
12	with [the operation of a public transit vehicle] or lessens the
13	ability of the operator to operate the public transit vehicle
14	by:
15	(a) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily
16	injury to the operator of the public transit vehicle;
17	or
18	(b) Threatening, by word or conduct, to cause bodily
19	injury to the operator of the public transit vehicle
20	with the intent to terrorize, or in reckless disregard

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1	of the risk of terrorizing the operator of the public
2	transit vehicle.
3	(2) For the purposes of this section, "public transit
4	vehicle" [is a] <u>means:</u>
5	(a) Any public paratransit vehicle providing service to
6	the disabled[, any] <u>;</u>
7	(b) Any transit vehicle used for the transportation of
8	passengers in return for legally charged fees or
9	fares, including any taxi; or
10	(c) Any transit vehicle owned or operated by a government
11	entity, including any school bus[, or any taxi]."
12	SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13	matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14	begun before its effective date.
15	SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
17	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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 $\mbox{APPROVED this} \quad 3rd \quad \mbox{day of} \quad July \quad \ \ \ 2023$

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I



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THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2023 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 2023.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 214, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2023 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 2023.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk House of Representatives