



GOV. MSG. NO. 1166

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 7, 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 June 7, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB28 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.
ACT 066

Sincerely,

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

on JUN 7 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 28
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$700,000 or so much
4 thereof as necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
5 department of taxation to upgrade software and computer systems.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 taxation for the purposes of this part.

8 PART II

9 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the United States
10 Department of Energy Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program is
11 providing \$7,000,000,000 to establish up to ten regional clean
12 energy hubs across America. As part of a larger \$8,000,000,000
13 hydrogen hub program funded through the Infrastructure
14 Investment and Jobs Act, the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs
15 program will be a central driver in helping communities across
16 the country benefit from clean energy investments, good-paying
17 jobs, and improved energy security.



1 The legislature further finds that the United States
2 Department of Energy selected Hawaii as one of thirty-three
3 public-private consortiums to compete for the federal funding.
4 Proposed as the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub, the department of
5 business, economic development, and tourism is leading the
6 consortium to leverage \$500,000,000 in private investment for
7 \$500,000,000 in matching funds from the United States Department
8 of Energy that will drive the production, processing, delivery,
9 storage, and end-use of clean hydrogen, including innovative
10 uses in the industrial sector. The State's strategic military
11 position in the Indo-Pacific and its partnerships with the
12 United States Department of Defense make its proposal unique
13 amongst its competition. The United States Department of
14 Defense is seeking to replace petroleum-based fuels with
15 hydrogen vehicles and platforms so the United States Department
16 of Defense may become a major customer for the consortium. If
17 fully built and implemented, the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub
18 will become a major industry and job center for the State.

19 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:

20 (1) Require the department of business, economic
21 development, and tourism to work with the University



1 of Hawaii on workforce development activities that
2 support the development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen
3 hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen
4 energy industry; and

5 (2) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub.

6 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic
7 development, and tourism shall work with the University of
8 Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the
9 development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub and other related
10 aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,500,000 or so much
13 thereof as necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the sum of
14 \$10,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2024-2025 to develop the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
18 of this part.

19 PART III

20 SECTION 5. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
21 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
2 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,
3 C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
4 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or
5 10 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this
6 Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal
7 year 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$6,200,000 or 1 per
8 cent. The combined total amount of general fund appropriations
9 contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general
10 fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
11 exceeded by \$1,069,967,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for
12 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 13 (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to
14 serve the public interest; and
15 (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs
16 addressed by this Act.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



APPROVED this 7th day of June , 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Han", written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 4, 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.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 4, 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