



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1225**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 23, 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 23, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB983 SD2

RELATING TO TIME LIMITATIONS.  
**ACT 124**

Sincerely,

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

on JUN 23 2023

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

H.B. NO. 983  
S.D. 2

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TIME LIMITATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to add a definition  
2 for "public servant" to section 701-108, Hawaii Revised  
3 Statutes, to clarify the scope and applicability of provisions  
4 related to the time limitations to bring prosecution based on  
5 misconduct in office.

6 SECTION 2. Section 701-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§701-108 Time limitations. (1) A prosecution for  
9 murder, murder in the first and second degrees, attempted  
10 murder, attempted murder in the first and second degrees,  
11 criminal conspiracy to commit murder in any degree, criminal  
12 solicitation to commit murder in any degree, sexual assault in  
13 the first and second degrees, sex trafficking, and continuous  
14 sexual assault of a minor under the age of fourteen years may be  
15 commenced at any time.



1           (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
2 prosecutions for other offenses are subject to the following  
3 periods of limitation:

4           (a) A prosecution for manslaughter where the death was not  
5 caused by the operation of a motor vehicle must be  
6 commenced within ten years after it is committed;

7           (b) A prosecution for a class A felony must be commenced  
8 within six years after it is committed;

9           (c) A prosecution for any felony under part IX of chapter  
10 708 must be commenced within five years after it is  
11 committed;

12           (d) A prosecution for any other felony must be commenced  
13 within three years after it is committed;

14           (e) A prosecution for a misdemeanor or parking violation  
15 must be commenced within two years after it is  
16 committed; and

17           (f) A prosecution for a petty misdemeanor or a violation  
18 other than a parking violation must be commenced  
19 within one year after it is committed.

20           (3) If the period prescribed in subsection (2) has  
21 expired, a prosecution may nevertheless be commenced for:



- 1 (a) Any offense an element of which is fraud, deception as  
2 defined in section 708-800, or a breach of fiduciary  
3 obligation or the offense of medical assistance fraud  
4 under section 346-43.5, within three years after  
5 discovery of the offense by an aggrieved party or by a  
6 person who has a legal duty to represent an aggrieved  
7 party and who is oneself not a party to the offense,  
8 but in no case shall this provision extend the period  
9 of limitation by more than six years from the  
10 expiration of the period of limitation prescribed in  
11 subsection (2);
- 12 (b) Any offense based on misconduct in office by a public  
13 ~~[officer or employee]~~ servant at any time when the  
14 defendant is in public office or employment or within  
15 two years thereafter, but in no case shall this  
16 provision extend the period of limitation by more than  
17 three years from the expiration of the period of  
18 limitation prescribed in subsection (2); and
- 19 (c) Any felony offense involving evidence containing  
20 deoxyribonucleic acid from the offender, if a test  
21 confirming the presence of deoxyribonucleic acid is



1 performed prior to expiration of the period of  
2 limitation prescribed in subsection (2), but in no  
3 case shall this provision extend the period of  
4 limitation by more than ten years from the expiration  
5 of the period of limitation prescribed in subsection  
6 (2).

7 (4) An offense is committed either when every element  
8 occurs, or, if a legislative purpose to prohibit a continuing  
9 course of conduct plainly appears, at the time when the course  
10 of conduct or the defendant's complicity therein is terminated.  
11 Time starts to run on the day after the offense is committed.

12 (5) A prosecution is commenced either when an indictment  
13 is found or a complaint filed, or when an arrest warrant or  
14 other process is issued, provided that such warrant or process  
15 is executed without unreasonable delay.

16 (6) The period of limitation does not run:

17 (a) During any time when the accused is continuously  
18 absent from the State or has no reasonably  
19 ascertainable place of abode or work within the State,  
20 but in no case shall this provision extend the period  
21 of limitation by more than four years from the



1 expiration of the period of limitation prescribed in  
2 subsection (2);

3 (b) During any time when a prosecution against the accused  
4 for the same conduct is pending in this State; or


5 (c) For any felony offense under chapter 707, part V or  
6 VI, during any time when the victim is alive and under  
7 eighteen years of age.

8 (7) As used in this section, "public servant" shall have  
9 the same meaning as in section 710-1000."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 23rd day of June , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 983, SD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 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

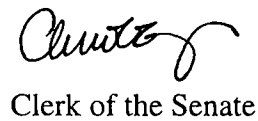
**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 11, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third 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