



# GOV. MSG. NO. 1160

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

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

June 21, 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 June 21, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB982 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT.  
**ACT 059**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

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

on    MAY   21   2024   

**ACT 059**

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

**H.B. NO.** 982  
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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the tobacco  
2 enforcement special fund supports the tobacco enforcement unit  
3 within the department of the attorney general to administer,  
4 monitor, and enforce the master settlement agreement and related  
5 Hawaii laws, including chapters 486P and 675, Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes. Section 28-15(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, currently  
7 mandates that moneys in excess of \$500,000 remaining in the  
8 tobacco enforcement special fund at the close of each fiscal  
9 year lapse to the credit of the state general fund. Section  
10 328L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, mandates that of all tobacco  
11 settlement moneys received by the State in each fiscal year, the  
12 first \$350,000 be deposited in the state treasury to the credit  
13 of the tobacco enforcement special fund.

14           The legislature further finds that to maintain the tobacco  
15 enforcement unit's diligent enforcement efforts and to minimize  
16 the risk of losing the master settlement agreement annual



1 payments, it is critical that the unit receive adequate and  
2 continuous funding.

3 The purpose of this Act is to stabilize and increase  
4 funding for the tobacco enforcement unit within the department  
5 of the attorney general by amending:

6 (1) The amount of funds that the tobacco enforcement  
7 special fund can carry over at the end of each fiscal  
8 year; and

9 (2) The sum of moneys received from the tobacco master  
10 settlement agreement that are deposited to the credit  
11 of the tobacco enforcement special fund.

12 SECTION 2. Section 28-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of  
15 [~~\$500,000~~] \$750,000 remaining on balance in the tobacco  
16 enforcement special fund at the close of June 30 of each year  
17 shall lapse to the credit of the state general fund."

18 SECTION 3. Section 328L-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) There is established in the state treasury the Hawaii  
21 tobacco settlement special fund into which shall be deposited:

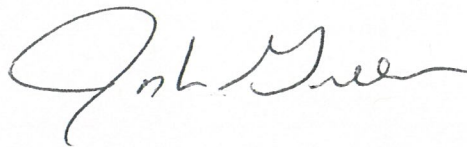


1 (1) All tobacco settlement moneys; and  
 2 (2) All interest and earnings accruing from the investment  
 3 of moneys in the fund;  
 4 provided that of all tobacco settlement moneys received by the  
 5 State each fiscal year, the sum representing the first  
 6 [~~\$350,000~~] \$750,000 of those moneys shall first be deposited in  
 7 the state treasury in each fiscal year to the credit of the  
 8 tobacco enforcement special fund. The Hawaii tobacco settlement  
 9 special fund shall be administered by the department."

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

APPROVED this 21st day of June , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 982, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

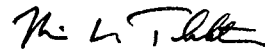
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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.



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 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.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate