



# GOV. MSG. NO. 1220

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

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

June 28, 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 28, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2591 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.  
**ACT 119**

Sincerely,

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

on JUN 28 2024

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2591  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to impose a fine of  
2 \$1,000 on any private landowner who fails to disclose and record  
3 the existence of burial or archaeological sites on their  
4 property that the landowner knew or should have known of.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 508D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§508D- Failure to disclose or record a burial or  
9 archaeological site; penalty. There shall be imposed by a court  
10 of competent jurisdiction a fine of \$1,000 on any private  
11 landowner who fails to disclose and record with the bureau of  
12 conveyances, or in documents used to offer real property for  
13 sale, burial or archaeological sites located on the landowner's  
14 property that the landowner knew of or should have known of.  
15 All fines collected under this section shall be deposited into  
16 the Hawaii historic preservation special fund established under  
17 section 6E-16."



1 SECTION 3. Section 6E-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There [~~is~~] shall be established a Hawaii historic  
4 preservation special fund into which shall be deposited the  
5 following moneys:

6 (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund;

7 (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and  
8 private persons;

9 (3) All proceeds collected by the department derived from  
10 historic preserve user fees, historic preserve leases  
11 or concession fees, fees charged to carry out the  
12 purposes of this chapter, or the sale of goods; [~~and~~]

13 (4) Civil, criminal, and administrative penalties, fines,  
14 and other charges collected under this chapter or any  
15 rule adopted pursuant to this chapter[~~-~~]; and

16 (5) Fines collected under section 508D-\_\_\_\_\_.

17 All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund  
18 shall become part of the fund. The fund shall be administered  
19 by the department; provided that the department may contract  
20 with a public or private agency to provide the day-to-day  
21 management of the fund."

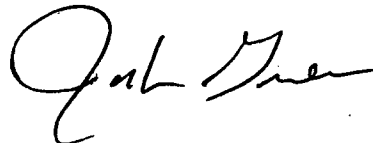


1           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.  
3           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this **28th** day of **June**, 2024

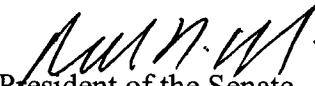



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**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

SB No. 2591, SD 2, HD 1, 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