



GOV. MSG. NO. 1225

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:

HB2626 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO FISHPONDS.
ACT 124

Sincerely,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHPONDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 171-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§171-28 Government-owned Hawaiian fishponds; sale**
4 **prohibition.** (a) The board may investigate and develop
5 scientific commercial management practices for government-owned
6 Hawaiian fishponds and reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, and
7 stock the fishponds; and expend moneys from the special land and
8 development fund. All revenues derived from any government-
9 owned Hawaiian fishpond shall be deposited in the fund.

10 (b) The board may lease government-owned Hawaiian
11 fishponds with legislative authorization as provided under
12 section 171-53(c); provided that in lieu of legislative
13 authorization, the board may lease [~~such~~] fishponds if:

14 (1) A public hearing is conducted on the proposed lease on
15 the island where the fishpond is located;



1 (2) The board finds that the proposed lease does not cause
2 a substantial adverse environmental or ecological
3 impact on the fishpond or surrounding area; and

4 (3) The proposed lease is not in violation of applicable
5 federal, state, or county laws.

6 (c) For lease of a government-owned Hawaiian fishpond, the
7 board shall find:

8 (1) That the applicant has provided a management plan
9 demonstrating the use and knowledge of traditional
10 native Hawaiian practices and protocols as the primary
11 component of the applicant's tenancy, including kilo,
12 kia'i loko, and uhau humu pōhaku (for rock walled
13 fishponds); and

14 (2) The proposed lease does not cause a substantial
15 adverse environmental or ecological impact on the
16 fishpond or surrounding areas.

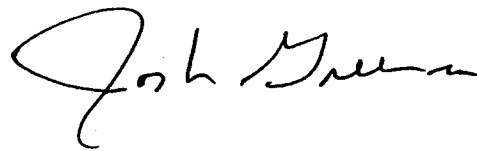
17 [~~e~~] (d) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the
18 board may not sell the fee interest in public lands on which
19 government-owned Hawaiian fishponds are located."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 28th day of June , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2626, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 19, 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

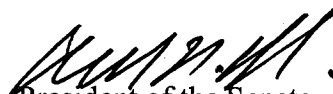



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 9, 2024
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 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate