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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 10, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 10, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

HB998

**RELATING TO CONTENTS OF CITATIONS.
ACT 002**

Sincerely,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTENTS OF CITATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 803-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

3 "(b) In any case in which it is lawful for a police
4 officer to arrest a person without a warrant for a misdemeanor,
5 petty misdemeanor, or violation, the police officer may, but
6 need not, issue a citation in lieu of the requirements of
7 ~~[+]subsection[+]~~ (a), if the police officer finds and is
8 reasonably satisfied that ~~[the person]~~:

9 (1) ~~[Will]~~ The person will appear in court at the time
10 designated;

11 (2) ~~[Has]~~ The person has no outstanding arrest warrants
12 ~~[which]~~ that would justify the person's detention or
13 give indication that the person might fail to appear
14 in court; and

15 (3) ~~[That the]~~ The offense is of such nature that there
16 will be no further police contact on or about the date
17 in question~~[7]~~ or in the immediate future.

18 (c) The citation shall contain:

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- 1 (1) The name [~~and current address~~] of the offender;
- 2 (2) The current address of the offender, if available;
- 3 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The last four digits of the offender's social
- 4 security number~~[+]~~, if available;
- 5 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A description of the offender;
- 6 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The nature of the offense;
- 7 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The time and date of the offense;
- 8 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) A notice of time and date for court appearance;
- 9 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) The signature and badge number of the officer;
- 10 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) The signature of the offender agreeing to court
- 11 appearance~~[+]~~, unless the offender refuses, or is
- 12 unable to sign;
- 13 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Any remarks; and
- 14 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) A notice directing the offender to appear at the
- 15 time and place designated to stand trial for the
- 16 offense indicated and a notice that failure to obey
- 17 the citation may result in a fine or imprisonment, or
- 18 both~~[-]~~;
- 19 provided that omission of any of the information listed in
- 20 paragraphs (1) to (11) or any error in the citation shall not be
- 21 a ground for dismissal of a charge or for reversal of a

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1 conviction if the omission or error did not prejudice the
2 defendant."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *Heleli K. Walker*

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BY REQUEST

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APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2025

Josh Green
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 28, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAR 24 2025**
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate