### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

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:

HB145 HD1

RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT. **ACT 003** 

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on APR 1 0 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO H.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 159, Session
- 2 Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 159), requires the court to
- 3 automatically seal or remove from the judiciary's publicly
- 4 accessible databases any information relevant to the arrest or
- 5 case of a person for whom an expungement order has been entered
- 6 and transmitted to the court by July 1, 2025.
- 7 The legislature further finds that the court is currently
- 8 unable to effectuate Act 159 because the Hawaii criminal justice
- 9 data center is not statutorily authorized to release the
- 10 expungement orders to the judiciary.
- 11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide the
- 12 Hawaii criminal justice data center with the statutory authority
- 13 to transmit all expundement orders to the judiciary.
- 14 SECTION 2. Section 831-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:
- "(f) Every expungement order with a court case number
- 17 issued by the attorney general shall be transmitted to the

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1	judiciary solely for the purposes of this section. The court
2	shall seal or otherwise remove from the judiciary's publicly
3	accessible electronic databases all judiciary files and other
4	information pertaining to the applicable arrest or case of any
5	person for whom an expungement order listing the court case
6	number and arrest number associated with the offense has been
7	entered and transmitted to the court [-]; provided that the
8	court's duties under this subsection shall not apply to any case
9	referenced in the expungement order where the person for whom
10	the order has been entered:
11	(1) Was charged with multiple offenses at least one of
12	which is not the subject of the order; or
13	(2) Is only one of multiple defendants in the case at
14	least one of whom has not been the subject of a prior
15	expungement order.
16	The court shall make good faith diligent efforts to seal or
17	otherwise remove the applicable files and information within a
18	reasonable time."
19	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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APPROVED this 10th day of April , 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 145, HD 1

### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 27, 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. Maline K. Muhn

Nadine K. Nakamura

Speaker

House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

#### THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: MAR 2 5 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

Clerk of the Senate