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GOV. MSG. NO. 1396

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 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

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

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 15, S.D. 1, H.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.
ACT 293

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "historic property" to
3 read as follows:

4 ""Historic property" means any building, structure, object,
5 district, area, or site, including heiau and underwater site,
6 ~~[which is]~~ that is over fifty years old[-] and meets the
7 criteria for being entered into the Hawaii register of historic
8 places."

9 SECTION 2. Section 6E-42.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "[~~§~~6E-42.2~~]~~ **Excluded activities for privately-owned**
12 **single-family detached dwelling units and townhouses[-],**
13 **residential projects, and nominally sensitive areas.** (a) An
14 application for a proposed project on an existing privately-
15 owned single-family detached dwelling unit or townhouse shall be
16 subject to the requirements of section 6E-42 only if the single-



1 family detached dwelling unit or townhouse is over fifty years
2 old and[+] is:

3 (1) [~~Is listed~~] Listed on the Hawaii or national register
4 of historic places, or both;

5 (2) [~~Is nominated~~] Nominated for inclusion on the Hawaii
6 or national register of historic places, or both; or

7 (3) [~~Is located~~] Located in a historic district.

8 (b) An application for a proposed project on an existing
9 residential property shall be subject to the requirements of
10 section 6E-42 only if the existing residential property is over
11 fifty years old and is registered on the Hawaii register of
12 historic places.

13 (c) An application for a proposed project in a nominally
14 sensitive area shall not be subject to the requirements of
15 section 6E-42.

16 [~~(b)~~] (d) For the purposes of this section:

17 "Dwelling unit" means a building or portion thereof
18 designed or used exclusively for residential occupancy and
19 having all necessary facilities for permanent residency such as
20 living, sleeping, cooking, eating, and sanitation.



1 "Nominally sensitive area" means a project area that is
2 known to include a low density of historic, cultural, or
3 archaeological resources, or where the project area has been
4 substantially disturbed by previous excavation or other ground-
5 disturbing work and no significant historic properties have been
6 previously identified.

7 "Single-family detached dwelling unit" means an individual,
8 freestanding, unattached dwelling unit, typically built on a lot
9 larger than the structure itself, resulting in an area
10 surrounding the dwelling.

11 "Townhouse" has the same meaning as [~~defined~~] in section
12 502C-1."

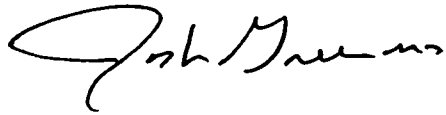
13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 15
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 3rd day of July, 2025





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 15, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final 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