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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1118

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 19, 2026

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 K. 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 May 19, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 2343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 RELATING TO VETERANS.
ACT 018

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

Approved by the Governor:

on MAY 19 2026

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 018
H.B. NO. 2343
H.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 99, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2024 (Act 99), requires the transfer of the Maui state
3 veterans home to the Oahu regional health care system or a state
4 agency having a Maui affiliation.

5 The legislature also finds that the Maui state veterans
6 home is a proposed long-term health care facility that is
7 anticipated to offer skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapies,
8 and hospice, Alzheimer's disease, and respite care. The
9 legislature passed Act 99 in recognition that this facility
10 should be placed under a state agency having the expertise to
11 manage a long-term care facility.

12 Act 99 required the assimilation of the Maui state veterans
13 home into a state agency no later than June 30, 2027. However,
14 the legislature finds that the transfer of the Maui state
15 veterans home is highly complex because of logistical, labor
16 relations, and financial issues. Therefore, it is necessary to



1 reexamine this deadline to ensure that the intent of Act 99 is
2 properly achieved.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal the
4 June 30, 2027, deadline for the assimilation of the Maui state
5 veterans home into a state agency with a Maui affiliation and
6 instead require the assimilation of the Maui state veterans home
7 to be completed as soon as practicable.

8 SECTION 2. Act 99, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, section 3
9 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) [~~No later than June 30, 2027,~~] As soon as
11 practicable, the Maui state veterans home shall be assimilated
12 into a state agency having a Maui affiliation, in a manner and
13 to an extent that may be negotiated between the Oahu regional
14 health care system or state agency having a Maui affiliation and
15 the department of defense. After assimilation, the physical
16 assets and the ground lease of the Maui state veterans home
17 shall become the property of and be managed by the agency into
18 which the Maui state veterans home is assimilated."

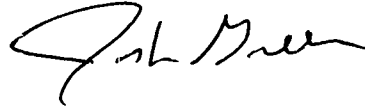
19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



H.B. NO. 2343
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2026



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2343, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 24, 2026
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 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

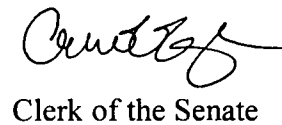
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 10, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate