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GOVERNOR
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GOV. MSG. NO. 1119

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. 1163, H.D. 1, S.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS
LICENSING.
ACT 019

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 COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-236, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall be issued a commercial driver's
4 license unless that person:

5 (1) Meets the qualification standards of title 49 Code of
6 Federal Regulations, part 391, subparts B and E;

7 (2) Has passed a knowledge and driving skills test for
8 driving a commercial motor vehicle that complies with
9 minimum federal standards established by federal
10 regulation enumerated in title 49 Code of Federal
11 Regulations, part 383, subparts G and H;

12 (3) [~~Has Hawaii as the state of domicile as defined in~~
13 ~~title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 383.5;~~]
14 Provides to the State proof of citizenship or lawful
15 permanent residency as specified in table 1 to
16 title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, section 383.71,
17 as amended October 14, 2021, or obtains a



1 non-domiciled commercial learner's permit or
 2 non-domiciled commercial driver's license as provided
 3 in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, section
 4 383.71(f), that shall be issued as a non-domiciled
 5 commercial learner's permit or non-domiciled
 6 commercial driver's license; and

7 (4) Has satisfied all other requirements of the Commercial
 8 Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, Public Law 99-570,
 9 title XII, in addition to other requirements imposed
 10 by state law or federal regulation.

11 The tests shall be prescribed by the director and administered
 12 by the respective county examiner of drivers. The test
 13 examiners shall communicate with the applicant only in English
 14 during the skills test. As of January 30, 2012, the examiner of
 15 drivers shall verify that the medical certification status of a
 16 driver who self-certified according to title 49 Code of Federal
 17 Regulations section 383.71(b)(1)(i), non-excepted interstate, is
 18 certified. If a driver submits a current medical examiner's
 19 certificate, the examiner of drivers shall date-stamp the
 20 certificate and post all required information to the commercial
 21 driver's license information system pursuant to title 49 Code of



1 Federal Regulations section 383.73(b) (5) and in accordance with
2 title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 383.73(o). A
3 person who is not physically qualified to drive under title 49
4 Code of Federal Regulations section 391.41(b) (1) or (2) and who
5 is otherwise qualified to drive a motor vehicle may be granted
6 an intrastate waiver by the director. The process for granting
7 intrastate waivers shall be the same as that for interstate
8 waivers in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 391.49;
9 provided that the intrastate waiver requests shall be submitted
10 to the director."

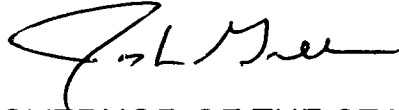
11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



H.B. NO. 1163
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2026



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1163, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 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

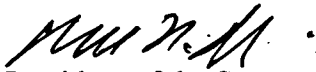


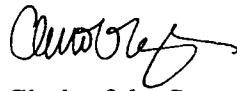
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2026
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 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate