

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1197

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 5, 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 June 5, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2756, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT.
ACT 097

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D.".

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

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 5 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 097
S.B. NO. 2756
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the division of
2 conservation and resources enforcement (DOCARE) of the
3 department of land and natural resources will be launching a new
4 academy in 2026 and that a significant number of the incoming
5 conservation and resources enforcement officers will be assigned
6 to the Hawai'i island branch of DOCARE. The legislature further
7 finds that the Hawai'i island branch is critically short on
8 vehicles, with the majority of its existing fleet well beyond
9 their intended life of service. The legislature also finds that
10 the upcoming DOCARE academy will include additional marine
11 officers, necessitating an additional maritime patrol vessel for
12 the marine unit based in West Hawai'i.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
14 funds for equipment for the Hawai'i island branch of the division
15 of conservation and resources enforcement of the department of
16 land and natural resources.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,365,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
4 equipment for the Hawaii island branch of the division of
5 conservation and resources enforcement of the department of land
6 and natural resources, to be allocated as follows:

7 (1) \$365,000 for one maritime enforcement patrol vessel,
8 complete with audible and visual emergency equipment;
9 and

10 (2) \$2,000,000 for twenty police-marked patrol vehicles,
11 complete with audible and visual emergency equipment.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



S.B. NO. 2756
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 5th day of June , 2026




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 6, 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

SB No. 2756, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 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