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GOVERNOR
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GOV. MSG. NO. 1205

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 8, 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 8, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2272, S.D. 1, H.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING.
ACT 105

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 8 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 105
S.B. NO. 2272
S.D. 1
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to authorize the
2 department of health to accept accreditation or certification
3 from an accreditation organization or a certification
4 organization approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
5 Services as demonstration that a licensed home health agency is
6 in compliance with all licensing inspections required by the
7 State.

8 SECTION 2. Section 321-91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§321-91 Program of home health services.** (a) The
11 department of health is authorized to establish and administer a
12 program to provide home health services, pursuant to the
13 provisions of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Home
14 health services shall mean ancillary paramedical services
15 rendered in the patient's home, and shall include[7] but not be
16 limited to[7] professional nursing care, physiotherapy,
17 occupational therapy, speech and hearing therapy, medical social



1 services, and home health aide services. The authority of the
2 department [~~hereunder~~] under this subsection shall be liberally
3 construed in order that the State may receive the maximum
4 benefits of [~~said~~] Title XVIII.

5 (b) A home health agency that is licensed by the
6 department of health and accredited or certified by an
7 accreditation organization or a certification organization
8 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services may
9 be used to demonstrate the home health agency's compliance with
10 all licensing inspections required by the State. The home
11 health agency may be exempt from a licensing inspection on a
12 continuing basis throughout the term of the accreditation or
13 certification under the following conditions:

- 14 (1) The home health agency provides the department of
15 health with a certified copy of the home health
16 agency's official accreditation or certification
17 report;
18 (2) The home health agency continuously holds full
19 accreditation or certification and provides the
20 department of health with a certified copy of the home



1 health agency's official accreditation or
2 certification report; and

3 (3) The home health agency holds a current and valid state
4 license.

5 (c) The department of health may conduct an inspection and
6 investigation of a home health agency exempt from licensing
7 inspections pursuant to subsection (b) regarding complaints,
8 adverse accreditation or certification findings, or periodic
9 validation surveys.

10 (d) Information contained in reports of survey and
11 official accreditation or certification letters made by an
12 accreditation organization or a certification organization
13 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that
14 are used in determining compliance with licensing requirements
15 pursuant to this section shall be public information.

16 (e) All other records maintained by the department of
17 health for the purposes of this section shall be governed by
18 chapter 92F."

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 upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 2272
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H.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 8th day of June , 2026

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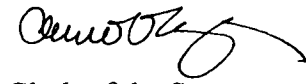
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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. 2272, SD 1, HD 2, 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