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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1207

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. 2519, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
ACT 107

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 139-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person [~~may~~] shall be appointed or employed as a
4 law enforcement officer after June 30, [~~2026~~] 2028, unless the
5 person:

- 6 (1) Has satisfactorily completed a basic program of law
7 enforcement training approved by the board;
- 8 (2) Has received training designed to minimize the use of
9 excessive force, including legal standards,
10 de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention tactics,
11 mental health response, implicit bias, and first aid;
12 and
- 13 (3) Possesses other qualifications as prescribed by the
14 board for the employment of law enforcement officers,
15 including minimum age, education, physical and mental
16 standards, citizenship, good conduct, moral character,
17 and experience.



1 (b) Beginning on July 1, [~~2026~~] 2028, the board shall
2 issue a certification to an applicant or law enforcement officer
3 who meets the requirements of subsection (a) or who has
4 satisfactorily completed a program or course of instruction in
5 another jurisdiction that the board deems to be equivalent in
6 content and quality to the requirements of subsection (a)."

7 SECTION 2. Section 139-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) No person shall be appointed or employed as a law
10 enforcement officer by any county police department, the
11 department of law enforcement, the department of land and
12 natural resources, the department of taxation, or the department
13 of the attorney general after June 30, [~~2026~~] 2028, unless the
14 person possesses a valid certification issued by the board
15 pursuant to section 139-6(b)."

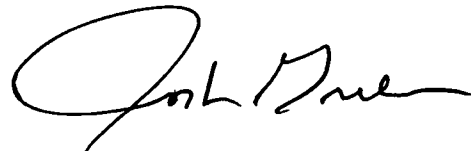
16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 2519
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 8th day of June , 2026

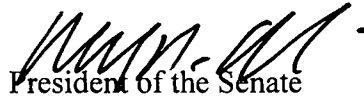
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

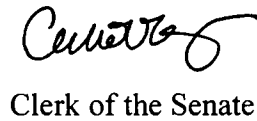
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 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. 2519, 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