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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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 be appointed or employed as a law  
4 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
By Request



# S.B. NO. 2519

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Law Enforcement Coalition Package; Standards Board; Certification; Extension

**Description:**

Establishes new deadlines for the completion of Law Enforcement Standards Board certification responsibilities.

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