

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1105

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

April 28, 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 April 28, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 2088

RELATING TO ADOPTIONS.  
**ACT 005**

Mahalo,

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

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 578-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Persons required to consent to adoption. Unless  
4 consent is not required or is dispensed with under subsection  
5 (c), a petition to adopt a child may be granted only if written  
6 consent to the proposed adoption has been notarized by a notary  
7 public in this or any other jurisdiction and executed by:

8 (1) The birthing parent of the child;

9 (2) A legal non-birthing parent to whom the child is a  
10 legitimate child;

11 (3) An adjudicated non-birthing parent whose relationship  
12 to the child has been determined by a court;

13 (4) A presumed non-birthing parent under subsection (d);

14 (5) A concerned natural non-birthing parent who is not the  
15 legal, adjudicated, or presumed non-birthing parent  
16 but who has demonstrated a reasonable degree of



1 interest, concern, or responsibility as to the welfare  
2 of a child, either:

3 (A) During the first thirty days after the child's  
4 birth;

5 (B) Before the execution of a valid consent by the  
6 birthing parent of the child; or

7 (C) Before the placement of the child with adoptive  
8 parents;

9 whichever period of time is greater;

10 (6) Any person or agency having legal custody of the child  
11 or legally empowered to consent;

12 (7) The court having jurisdiction of the custody of the  
13 child, if the legal guardian or legal custodian of the  
14 person of the child is not empowered to consent to  
15 adoption; and

16 (8) The child to be adopted if the child is more than ten  
17 years of age, unless the court, in the best interest  
18 of the child, dispenses with the child's consent.

19 (b) A petition to adopt an adult may be granted only if  
20 written consent to adoption has been notarized by a notary



1 public in this or any other jurisdiction and executed by the  
2 adult and the adult's spouse, if the adult is married."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

*Nedra K. Parker*

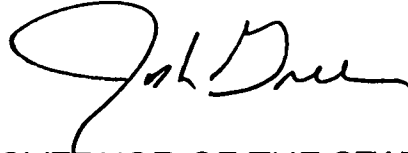
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H.B. NO. 2088

APPROVED this 28th day of April, 2026

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2088

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third 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

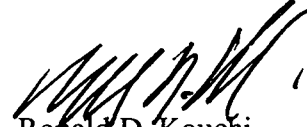


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 14 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi  
Clerk of the Senate