

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1145

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 27, 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 May 27, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2398, S.D. 2, H.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING
UTILITIES.
ACT 045

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor '

on MAY 27 2026 "

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 045
S.B. NO. 2398
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "S54- Service availability for residential dwellings.

5 (a) The board of water supply shall publish on its website a
6 map of its service areas and provide a list of service-
7 restricted areas; provided that:

8 (1) Parcel-by-parcel information shall not be required;

9 and

10 (2) Utility assets need not be specified.

11 (b) The map and list of service-restricted areas shall be
12 published on the website of the board of water supply no later
13 than January 1, 2029, and shall be kept reasonably updated.

14 (c) The board of water supply may include a disclaimer
15 stating that the map data is preliminary and does not constitute
16 an actual determination of water availability.



1 (d) For water availability requests concerning
2 residentially zoned parcels of three or fewer units, the board
3 shall respond in writing to complete requests within forty-five
4 days of receipt. Any determination under this subsection shall
5 be valid for ninety days from the date of issuance, unless
6 otherwise specified by the board of water supply.

7 (e) The board of water supply may adopt rules pursuant to
8 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
10 by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 **"§54- Service availability for residential dwellings.**

13 (a) The board of water supply shall publish on its website a
14 map of its service areas and provide a list of service-
15 restricted areas; provided that:

16 (1) Parcel-by-parcel information shall not be required;
17 and

18 (2) Utility assets need not be specified.

19 (b) The map and list of service-restricted areas shall be
20 published on the website of the board of water supply no later
21 than January 1, 2029, and shall be kept reasonably updated.



1 (c) The board of water supply may include a disclaimer
2 stating that the map data is preliminary and does not constitute
3 an actual determination of water availability.

4 (d) For water availability requests concerning
5 residentially zoned parcels of three or fewer units, the board
6 shall respond in writing to complete requests within forty-five
7 days of receipt. Any determination under this subsection shall
8 be valid for ninety days from the date of issuance, unless
9 otherwise specified by the board of water supply.

10 (e) The board of water supply may adopt rules pursuant to
11 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 2398
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 27th day of May, 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. 2398, SD 2, 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