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GOV. MSG. NO. 1152

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:

H.B. NO. 2505, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY
TREATMENT.
ACT 052

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D.".

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 704-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (3) to read as follows:

3 "(3) During the defendant's commitment to the custody of
4 the director of health or release on conditions pursuant to
5 subsection (1):

6 (a) If the defendant's clinical team determines that the
7 defendant meets the criteria for involuntary
8 hospitalization set forth in section 334-60.2, the
9 director of health, within seven days of the clinical
10 team's determination, shall file with the family court
11 a petition for involuntary hospitalization pursuant to
12 section 334-60.3. If the petition is granted, the
13 defendant shall remain hospitalized for a period of
14 time as provided by section 334-60.6; or

15 (b) If the defendant's clinical team determines that the
16 defendant does not meet the criteria for involuntary
17 hospitalization, or the court denies the petition for



1 involuntary hospitalization, the defendant's clinical
2 team shall determine whether an assisted community
3 treatment plan is appropriate pursuant to part VIII of
4 chapter 334. If the clinical team determines that an
5 assisted community treatment plan is appropriate, the
6 clinical team shall identify a community mental health
7 outpatient program that agrees to provide the mental
8 health services to the defendant in the event the
9 assisted community treatment petition is granted. The
10 psychiatrist or advanced practice registered nurse
11 from the clinical team or the community mental health
12 outpatient program shall prepare the certificate for
13 assisted community treatment specified by section
14 334-123, including a written treatment plan for the
15 provision of mental health services to the defendant.
16 ~~[The clinical team shall identify a community mental~~
17 ~~health outpatient program that agrees to provide~~
18 ~~mental health services to the defendant as the~~
19 ~~designated mental health program under the assisted~~
20 ~~community treatment order.]~~ The clinical team or the
21 community mental health outpatient program shall



1 provide the defendant with a copy of the certificate.
 2 Within ten days of provision of the certificate to the
 3 defendant by the clinical team[7] or the community
 4 mental health outpatient program, the director of
 5 health or the community mental health outpatient
 6 program shall file with the family court the assisted
 7 community treatment petition described in section
 8 334-123. When a petition for assisted community
 9 treatment has been filed for a defendant, the
 10 defendant committed to the custody of the director of
 11 health shall remain in custody until the family court
 12 issues a decision on the petition; provided that the
 13 judge may order that the subject be released during
 14 the pendency of that action."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



H.B. NO. 2505
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2026



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2505, HD 1, SD 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

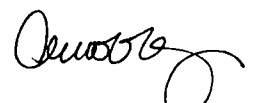
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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