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May 29, 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 29, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2607, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.
ACT 064

Mahalo,

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

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

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 29 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 064
S.B. NO. 2607
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's board of
2 professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape
3 architects (board) previously voted in favor of adopting the
4 Uniform Licensure Standard for Landscape Architecture developed
5 in 2022 by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration
6 Boards, of which the board is a member. The Council of
7 Landscape Architectural Registration Boards is a nonprofit
8 organization that works to protect the public's health, safety,
9 and welfare by establishing and promoting professional licensure
10 standards for landscape architects. Its members are the
11 licensure boards across the United States and Canada.

12 The legislature further finds that the board is the entity
13 best suited to determine the eligibility requirements for the
14 licensure of landscape architects in the State and should be
15 authorized to implement standards as it deems appropriate.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



1 (1) Authorize the board of professional engineers,
2 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects to
3 determine the appropriate educational and examination
4 requirements for landscape architect licensure in the
5 State; and

6 (2) Clarify experience requirements for landscape
7 architect licensure.

8 SECTION 2. Section 464-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
10 and to read as follows:

11 "Board" means the board of professional engineers,
12 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects established in
13 section 464-6."

14 SECTION 3. Section 464-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 **"§464-8 Qualifications for licensure.** (a) No person
17 shall be eligible for licensure as a professional engineer
18 unless:

19 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license
20 issued to the person by any jurisdiction, domestic or
21 foreign, in which the requirements for licensure at



1 the time the person was first licensed are of a
2 standard satisfactory to the board; provided that if
3 the board is in doubt as to whether the standards are
4 satisfactory, or as to whether the holder was required
5 to fully comply with them, it shall require that the
6 holder successfully pass a written examination,
7 prescribed by the board and designed to test the
8 holder's knowledge, skill, and competency in the
9 profession of engineering;

- 10 (2) The person is the holder of a master's degree in
11 engineering from an institution of higher education
12 approved by the board; is a graduate of a school or
13 college approved by the board as of satisfactory
14 standing and has completed an engineering curriculum
15 of four years or more; has had three years of full-
16 time lawful experience in engineering work of a
17 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
18 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
19 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a
20 written examination, prescribed by the board and



1 designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and
2 competency in the profession of engineering;

3 (3) The person is the holder of a master's degree in
4 engineering from an institution of higher education
5 approved by the board; has had four years of full-time
6 lawful experience in engineering work of a character
7 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
8 ~~[which]~~ that the board finds to be the equivalent
9 thereof; and has successfully passed a written
10 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to
11 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
12 the profession of engineering;

13 (4) The person is a graduate of a school or college
14 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
15 has completed an engineering curriculum of four years
16 or more; has had four years of full-time lawful
17 experience in engineering work of a character
18 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
19 ~~[which]~~ that the board finds to be the equivalent
20 thereof; and has successfully passed a written
21 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to



- 1 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
2 the profession of engineering;
- 3 (5) The person is a graduate of a school or college
4 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
5 has completed an engineering technology or arts and
6 science curriculum of four years or more; has had
7 eight years of full-time lawful experience in
8 engineering work of a character satisfactory to the
9 board, or part-time experience [~~which~~] that the board
10 finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has
11 successfully passed a written examination, prescribed
12 by the board and designed to test the person's
13 knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of
14 engineering; or
- 15 (6) The person has had twelve years of full-time lawful
16 experience in engineering work of a character
17 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
18 [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the equivalent
19 thereof; and has successfully passed a written
20 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to



1 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
2 the profession of engineering.

3 (b) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
4 professional architect unless:

5 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license in
6 architecture issued to the person by any jurisdiction,
7 domestic or foreign, and the person meets the
8 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
9 board;

10 (2) The person is the holder of a bachelor's, master's, or
11 higher degree in architecture from a school or college
12 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing; has
13 had three years of full-time lawful experience in
14 architecture work of a character satisfactory to the
15 board, or part-time experience [~~which~~] that the board
16 finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has
17 successfully passed a professional written
18 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to
19 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
20 the profession of architecture;



- 1 (3) The person is a graduate of a school or college
2 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing and
3 has completed an architectural curriculum of four
4 years or a pre-architecture or arts and science
5 curriculum of four years or more; has had five years
6 of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of
7 a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
8 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
9 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a
10 professional written examination, prescribed by the
11 board and designed to test the person's knowledge,
12 skill, and competency in the profession of
13 architecture;
- 14 (4) The person is a graduate of a community college or
15 other technical training school approved by the board
16 as of satisfactory standing, and has completed an
17 architectural technology curriculum of two years or
18 more; has had eight years of full-time lawful
19 experience in architecture work of a character
20 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
21 [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the equivalent



1 thereof; and has successfully passed a professional
2 written examination, prescribed by the board and
3 designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and
4 competency in the profession of architecture; or
5 (5) The person has had eleven years of full-time lawful
6 experience in architecture work of a character
7 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
8 ~~[which]~~ that the board finds to be the equivalent
9 thereof; and has successfully passed a professional
10 written examination, prescribed by the board and
11 designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and
12 competency in the profession of architecture;
13 provided that those persons who qualify under paragraphs (2)
14 through (5), as of June 30, 2000, shall be required to fulfill
15 the requirements of the intern development program of the
16 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or of any
17 similar program satisfactory to the board, and approved by the
18 board. For paragraph (2), the intern development program shall
19 fulfill the experience requirement. For paragraphs (3), (4),
20 and (5), time participating in the intern development program
21 shall be credited toward the experience requirement.



1 (c) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
2 professional land surveyor unless:

- 3 (1) (A) The person is the holder of an unexpired license
4 issued to the person by any jurisdiction,
5 domestic or foreign, in which the requirements
6 for licensure at the time the person was first
7 licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the
8 board; provided that if the board is in doubt as
9 to whether the standards are satisfactory, or as
10 to whether the holder was required to fully
11 comply with them, it shall require that the
12 holder successfully pass the national land
13 surveyor licensing examinations and a written,
14 multiple-choice examination on the subject of
15 Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land description;
- 16 (B) The person is a graduate of a school or college
17 approved by the board as of satisfactory
18 standing, and has completed a geoscience, civil
19 engineering, or general engineering curriculum of
20 four years or more; has had three years of full-
21 time lawful experience in land surveying of a



1 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
2 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
3 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
4 the national land surveyor licensing examinations
5 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
6 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
7 description;

8 (C) The person is a graduate of a school or college
9 approved by the board as of satisfactory
10 standing, and has completed a civil engineering
11 technology (survey option) curriculum of two
12 years or more or arts and sciences curriculum of
13 four years or more; has had seven years of full-
14 time lawful experience in land surveying of a
15 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
16 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
17 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
18 the national land surveyor licensing examinations
19 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
20 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
21 description; or



1 (D) The person has had eleven years of full-time
2 lawful experience in land surveying of a
3 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
4 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
5 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
6 the national land surveyor licensing examinations
7 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
8 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
9 description; and

10 (2) Any applicant shall certify on the application that
11 the applicant has read, understood, and agrees to
12 comply with the laws and rules that the board
13 determines are required for licensure.

14 (d) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
15 professional landscape architect unless:

16 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license in
17 good standing issued to the person by any
18 jurisdiction[, ~~domestic or foreign, in which the~~
19 ~~requirements for licensure at the time the person was~~
20 ~~first licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the~~
21 ~~board; provided that if the board is in doubt as to~~



1 ~~whether the standards are satisfactory, or as to~~
2 ~~whether the holder was required to fully comply with~~
3 ~~them, it] approved by the board to practice landscape~~
4 ~~architecture; provided that the board shall require~~
5 ~~that the holder successfully pass [the national~~
6 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and] a~~
7 written examination, prescribed by the board designed
8 to test the holder's knowledge of the State's climatic
9 conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land
10 use ordinance and special management area
11 requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
12 affecting landscape architecture;

- 13 (2) The person is the holder of a [~~master's~~] degree in
14 landscape architecture from [~~an institution of higher~~
15 ~~education approved by the board; is a graduate of~~] a
16 school or college approved by the board [~~as of~~
17 ~~satisfactory standing and has completed a landscape~~
18 ~~architectural curriculum of four years or more~~]; has
19 had two years of full-time lawful experience in
20 landscape architecture work of a character
21 satisfactory to the board, or part-time lawful

1 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
2 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed the
3 national landscape architect licensing examination and
4 a written examination, prescribed by the board
5 designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's
6 climatic conditions, native plants and native
7 ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management
8 area requirements, and cultural and historical
9 conditions affecting landscape architecture; or
10 ~~[(3) The person is a graduate of a school or college~~
11 ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~
12 ~~has completed a landscape architectural curriculum of~~
13 ~~four years or more; has had three years of full-time~~
14 ~~lawful experience in landscape architecture work of a~~
15 ~~character satisfactory to the board, or part-time~~
16 ~~experience which the board finds to be the equivalent~~
17 ~~thereof; and has successfully passed the national~~
18 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and a~~
19 ~~written examination, prescribed by the board designed~~
20 ~~to test the person's knowledge of the State's climatic~~
21 ~~conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land~~

1 ~~use ordinance and special management area~~
2 ~~requirements, and cultural and historical conditions~~
3 ~~affecting landscape architecture;~~
4 ~~(4) The person is a graduate of a school or college~~
5 ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~
6 ~~has completed a pre-landscape architecture or arts and~~
7 ~~science curriculum of four years or more; has had five~~
8 ~~years of full-time lawful experience in landscape~~
9 ~~architecture work of a character satisfactory to the~~
10 ~~board, or part time experience which the board finds~~
11 ~~to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully~~
12 ~~passed the national landscape architect licensing~~
13 ~~examination and a written examination, prescribed by~~
14 ~~the board designed to test the person's knowledge of~~
15 ~~the State's climatic conditions, native plants and~~
16 ~~native ecosystems, land use ordinance and special~~
17 ~~management area requirements, and cultural and~~
18 ~~historical conditions affecting landscape~~
19 ~~architecture; or~~
20 ~~(5)]~~ (3) The person has had [~~twelve~~] eight years of full-
21 time lawful experience in landscape architecture work



1 of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
2 lawful experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be
3 the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
4 the national landscape architect licensing examination
5 and a written examination, prescribed by the board
6 designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's
7 climatic conditions, native plants and native
8 ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management
9 area requirements, and cultural and historical
10 conditions affecting landscape architecture.

11 [~~6~~] The person may earn credit toward the required years
12 of lawful experience through one of the following
13 options:

14 (A) If the person holds a degree or certificate in
15 landscape architecture from a school or college
16 not approved by the board, then the person may be
17 credited with one year of experience for each
18 year of schooling completed up to a maximum of
19 four years of credited experience; or

20 (B) If the person holds any degree or certificate,
21 then the applicant may be credited with six



1 months of experience for each one year of
2 schooling completed up to a maximum of two years
3 of credited experience.

4 (e) The applicant shall also certify on the application
5 that the applicant has read, understood, and agrees to comply
6 with the laws and rules that the board determines are required
7 for licensure.

8 In addition to the [~~foregoing~~] requirements[~~7~~] under this
9 section, the board, in its discretion, may also require
10 additional proof that the applicant is competent to practice
11 professionally, and whenever the board is not fully satisfied
12 [~~from~~] with the results of an examination that any applicant is
13 competent to practice professionally, it may give the applicant
14 a further examination or examinations.

15 No person shall be eligible for licensure as a professional
16 engineer, architect, land surveyor, or landscape architect if
17 the person does not possess a history of honesty, truthfulness,
18 financial integrity, and fair dealing."

19 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.



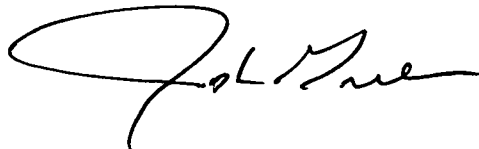
1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2026





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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

SB No. 2607, SD 1, 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