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KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1263

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 25, 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 June 25, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1870, H.D. 2, S.D. 1,  
C.D. 1

RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY  
LOCATIONS.  
**ACT 162**

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 PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that schools, health care  
2 settings, libraries, shelters, places of worship, and other  
3 community spaces must remain safe and accessible to all  
4 residents. In January 2025, the United States Department of  
5 Homeland Security rescinded prior guidance protecting  
6 "sensitive" or "protected" areas, authorizing unrestricted  
7 immigration enforcement in these locations. The legislature  
8 further finds that these changes have created uncertainty and  
9 chilled access to critical services. The legislature  
10 additionally finds that these locations must continue to  
11 function as trusted, safe spaces where people can go without  
12 fear and that state and county agencies that operate these  
13 locations should adopt policies limiting collaboration with  
14 federal authorities for immigration enforcement purposes.

15           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 16           (1) By January 1, 2027, require all state and county  
17           agencies that operate protected community locations to



1 adopt and post written policies that identify  
2 nonpublic areas, establish procedures for warrant  
3 verification and staff response, prohibit the  
4 collection of certain immigration-status data, and  
5 require annual staff training and certain multilingual  
6 notices; and

7 (2) Require the attorney general to publish model  
8 policies.

9 SECTION 2. (a) By January 1, 2027, all state and county  
10 agencies that operate protected community locations shall adopt  
11 and post written policies that:

12 (1) Identify nonpublic areas;

13 (2) Establish procedures for warrant verification and  
14 staff response;

15 (3) Prohibit the collection of immigration-status data  
16 unless required by law;

17 (4) Require annual staff training; and

18 (5) Require multilingual notices stating that services are  
19 provided regardless of immigration status.

20 (b) The attorney general shall publish model policies for  
21 adoption by all state and county agencies that operate protected



1 community locations and voluntary adoption by private education  
2 or health providers and private places of worship.

3 (c) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Nonpublic area" means any area of a facility that is not  
5 open to the general public.

6 "Protected community location" means any facility operated  
7 by the State or a county.

8 SECTION 3. This Act is of statewide concern, in accordance  
9 with article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

10 Nothing in this Act restricts the university of Hawaii from  
11 complying with mandatory federal contractor certifications or  
12 other conditions tied to federal funding.

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



H.B. NO. 1870  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2026

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1870, HD 2, 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