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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1274

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 26, 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 26, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1881, H.D. 1, S.D. 2,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO LAND USE.
ACT 172

Mahalo,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§205- Passenger or cargo ropeways; prohibited. (a)
5 Notwithstanding sections 46-4, 205-2, 205-4.5, 205-5, and 205-6,
6 or any other law to the contrary, no person shall erect,
7 maintain, or use a passenger or cargo ropeway in any land use
8 district; provided that a government entity shall be exempt from
9 this prohibition, subject to approval by the legislature.

10 (b) As used in this section:

11 "Aerial lift" means a ropeway on which passengers or cargo
12 are transported in cabins or on chairs, including detachable
13 grip lifts.

14 "Aerial tramway" means a ropeway on which passengers or
15 cargo are transported in cable-supported cabins or on cable-
16 supported chairs that:

17 (1) Are not in contact with the ground or terrain; and



1 (2) Reciprocate between terminals.

2 "Detachable grip lift" means a monocable or bicable ropeway
3 system on which cabins or chairs circulate around the system
4 alternately attaching to and detaching from a moving haul rope.

5 "Funicular" means a ropeway on which carriers or cargo are
6 supported and guided by a guideway, propelled by means of a haul
7 rope system, and operated as a single or double reversible
8 system.

9 "Passenger or cargo ropeway" means a device or system used
10 to transport passengers or cargo along a level, inclined, or
11 declined path by means of a haul rope or other flexible elements
12 that is driven by a power unit that remains essentially at a
13 single location. "Passenger or cargo ropeway" includes:

14 (1) Aerial lifts;

15 (2) Aerial tramways; and

16 (3) Funiculars.

17 "Passenger or cargo ropeway" does not include elevators or a
18 device or system strictly for private, single-home use with a
19 ropeway length no greater than one hundred feet."

20 SECTION 2. If any provision of this Act, or the
21 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held



1 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
2 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
3 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
4 of this Act are severable.

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



H.B. NO.

1881
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 26th day of June , 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John A. Burns', written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1881, HD 1, SD 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

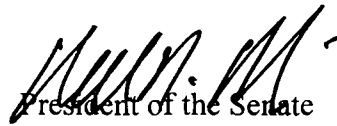


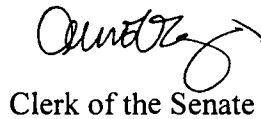
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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