



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 10, 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 July 10, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2247, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY
EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.
ACT 228

Mahalo,

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

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 10 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 228
S.B. NO. 2247
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public confidence in
2 the integrity of state government depends on the assurance that
3 decisions about state contracts are made free from political
4 influence. When high-level executive branch employees engage in
5 political fundraising, it creates a risk – or the appearance –
6 that governmental authority could be used to reward political
7 supporters rather than being exercised in the public's best
8 interest.

9 The legislature further finds that preventing "pay-to-play"
10 practices, or even the perception of such practices, is
11 essential to preserving the trust of the people of the State in
12 their government.

13 The legislature further finds that this Act is narrowly
14 tailored to apply only to a small and clearly defined group of
15 high-level executive branch employees, those nominated or
16 appointed by the governor to compensated positions subject to
17 senate confirmation, whose position has influence on procurement



1 decisions and contract management. The mere presence of such
2 officials at political fundraising events may reasonably create
3 an appearance of undue influence or preferential treatment,
4 regardless of their actual intent. Further, it may send an
5 indirect solicitation signal to contractors, encouraging them to
6 donate to preferred candidates in order to receive governmental
7 contracts.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit this
9 limited class of employees from attending or participating in
10 political fundraising activities, while preserving their
11 constitutional rights to vote, make personal political
12 contributions, and express political opinions as private
13 citizens.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
15 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:

17 "§84- Political fundraising; executive branch employees;
18 prohibition. (a) No executive branch employee who is nominated
19 or appointed by the governor to a compensated position subject
20 to confirmation by the senate, once confirmed and until
21 employment in a covered position ends, shall:

1 (1) Organize, attend, host, or solicit contributions for
2 any political fundraiser for any candidate for
3 elective office; or

4 (2) Directly or indirectly solicit campaign contributions
5 from any individual or entity.

6 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
7 an individual from exercising the individual's rights as a
8 citizen to express opinions, make a personal political donation,
9 or cast votes."

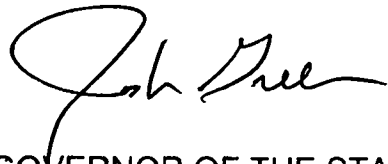
10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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APPROVED this 10th day of July, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" and last name "Green" clearly distinguishable.

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. 2247, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

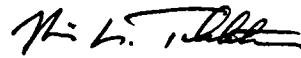
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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