



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 5, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1219**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2219 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT  
**ACT 118 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the exceptional tree  
2 act, Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 1975, recognizes the value  
3 of trees for their beauty and ecological functions and requires  
4 each county to establish a county arborist advisory committee to  
5 recommend regulations to protect trees of exceptional stature.  
6 The legislature also finds that section 58-2, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes, requires one member of the county arborist advisory  
8 committee to be actively employed in the practice of landscape  
9 architecture. The county of Hawaii currently has only three  
10 landscape architects working within the county, thereby severely  
11 limiting the pool of candidates. As a result, the county of  
12 Hawaii has not had a functioning county arborist advisory  
13 committee since 2008.

14           The purpose of this Act is to expand the candidate pool for  
15 membership on a county arborist advisory committee by including,  
16 in addition to persons actively employed in landscape  
17 architecture, certified arborists, horticulturalists with



1 specialization in trees, and persons who have received a  
2 master's degree in botany.

3 SECTION 2. Section 58-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§~~58-2~~§~~ County arborist advisory committees;  
6 establishment. Each county of the State shall establish a  
7 county arborist advisory committee, ~~which~~ whose members shall  
8 be appointed by the mayor and shall include ~~the~~:

- 9 (1) The county planning director, or the director's  
10 designee; ~~one~~
- 11 (2) One member who shall be a person actively employed in  
12 the practice of landscape architecture, a certified  
13 arborist, a horticulturist with specialization in  
14 trees, or a person who has received a master's degree  
15 in botany; and ~~not~~
- 16 (3) Not less than three other members selected on the  
17 basis of active participation in programs of community  
18 beautification, or research or organization in the  
19 ecological sciences, including ethnobotany, or  
20 Hawaiiana."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.  
3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 05 day of JUL, 2018



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2219, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 25, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




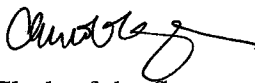
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: March 23, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate