
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that alcohol consumption
2 during pregnancy has been recognized as the leading preventable
3 cause of birth defects and developmental disorders in the United
4 States. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control
5 and Prevention, an estimated one in eight women drink alcohol
6 during pregnancy, placing their children at risk for a variety
7 of developmental, cognitive, and behavioral issues.

8 The legislature also finds that as many as forty thousand
9 babies are born in the United States each year with fetal
10 alcohol spectrum disorder, an umbrella term used to describe the
11 range of physical and cognitive deficits, many of them lifelong,
12 that may be experienced by persons whose mothers drank alcohol
13 during pregnancy.

14 The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of
15 September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month to
16 promote public awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption
17 during pregnancy.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§8- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month.
5 The month of September shall be known and designated as "Fetal
6 Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month" to promote public
7 awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.
8 This month is not and shall not be construed to be a state
9 holiday."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:


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Report Title:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

Description:

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