

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 458
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 458 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate April 27 of every year as Brother Joseph Dutton Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Joseph Dutton Guild; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Brother Joseph Dutton was an influential figure in helping the residents of Kalaupapa during the leprosy epidemic. Your Committee finds that Kalaupapa was established as a settlement to isolate people afflicted with leprosy. Upon learning of the ongoing efforts of Father Damien to help the patients of Kalaupapa, Brother Joseph Dutton traveled to the settlement to assist with the treatment and overall well-being of afflicted patients, and continued with his efforts for over 40 years. Your Committee further finds that in 1929, the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives acknowledged the work of Brother Joseph Dutton and passed House Resolution No. 7 to thank him for his service for the people on Molokai. Your Committee believes that this measure appropriately commemorates his work in

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Kalupapa by designating April 27 of every year as Brother Joseph Dutton Day.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 458, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 458, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture & Arts,



Jeanne Kavela, Chair



