## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2108

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOLIDAYS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the broad spectrum
 of conscience and diverse faith traditions that exist throughout
 our community, and it respects the freedom of conscience
 guaranteed to every citizen in this State, regardless of their
 individual religion or faith.

6 • The legislature finds that the creation of Peace Day, 7 celebrated on September 21 of each year, provides an opportunity 8 for all who value spirituality in their lives to connect and 9 unite in striving for a more peaceful world based upon values 10 grounded in a connection to each other and the world around 11 them.

12 The purpose of this Act is to repeal certain existing 13 religion-based holidays that honor specific faiths in 14 recognition of the multitude of religious beliefs that flourish 15 in Hawaii.

16 SECTION 2. Section 8-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 repealed.



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**Report Title:** Holidays

Description: Repeals Buddha Day, Bahai New Year's Day, and Bodhi Day.

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