

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 there are more than
- 2 sixty-six thousand working-age persons with disabilities in the
- 3 State, almost forty per cent of whom are presently employed.
- 4 The legislature further finds that persons with disabilities
- 5 have made and continue to make immense contributions to the
- 6 State's workforce, economy, and culture.
- 7 The legislature recognizes that National Disability
- 8 Employment Awareness Month, observed in October, raises
- 9 awareness of employment challenges and obstacles for persons
- 10 with disabilities while also celebrating the workers'
- 11 achievements and contributions.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of
- 13 October as "Disability Awareness Month: Employment, Enrichment,
- 14 and Inclusion" in recognition of the employment challenges and
- 15 successes of persons with disabilities in the State.

- 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- Disability Awareness Month: Employment,
- 5 Enrichment, and Inclusion. The month of October shall be known
- 6 and designated as "Disability Awareness Month: Employment,
- 7 Enrichment, and Inclusion." This month is not and shall not be
- 8 construed as a state holiday."
- 9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Disability Awareness Month; Established

Description:

Designates the month of October as "Disability Awareness Month: Employment, Enrichment, and Inclusion" in recognition of the employment challenges and successes of persons with disabilities in the State.

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