



GOV. MSG. NO. 1112

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 19, 2023

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

✓The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second 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 April 19, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB899 HD2

RELATING TO HEALTH.  
**ACT 012**

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on APR 19 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 899  
H.D. 2

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# 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.



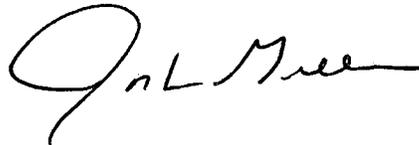
1 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

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.

APPROVED this 19th day of April , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 899, HD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 7, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAR 31 2023**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



for  
Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi  
Clerk of the Senate