



GOV. MSG. NO. 1348

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

July 7, 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 July 7, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB794 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO DISABILITY AWARENESS.  
**ACT 245**

Sincerely,

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

on JUL 7 2023

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

H.B. NO. 794  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISABILITY AWARENESS.

**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 these 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.



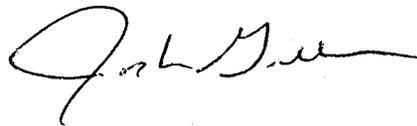
1 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

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.

APPROVED this 7th day of July , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 794, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final 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 HAWAI‘I**

Date: March 30, 2023  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2023.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate