



GOV. MSG. NO. 1186

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 21, 2024

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 June 21, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3312 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO STATE GESTURE.
ACT 085

Sincerely,

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GESTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the shaka gesture

2 should be recognized as the official gesture of the State.

3 While multiple origin theories exist, all theories have the

4 shaka developing within the State. More importantly, while

5 multiple Hawaii ethnic cultures and resident groups have

6 contributed varying layers of meaning to the shaka, there is a

7 shared agreement in the shaka's positive sentiments and usage

8 toward sharing aloha, fostering connection, and being pono.

9 The legislature further finds that the shaka is a key brand

10 symbol for the State, offering influential power to build the

11 State's economy, global brand, and resident pride. As the shaka

12 is now used around the world, this Act ensures that Hawaii

13 retains recognition as the birthplace of the shaka. It is

14 therefore appropriate that the shaka be honored as the official

15 gesture of the State to secure recognition of Hawaii as the

16 shaka's place of origin, preserve the meaning of the shaka as

17 originated in Hawaii, preserve Hawaii's brand association with

18 the gesture, and share the aloha spirit around the world.



1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to adopt, establish,
2 and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
5 read as follows:

6 "§5- State gesture. The shaka is adopted, established,
7 and designated as the official gesture of the State.

8 For the purposes of this section, the shaka generally
9 consists of extending the thumb and smallest finger while
10 holding the three middle fingers curled, and gesturing in
11 salutation while presenting the front or back of the hand; the
12 wrist may be rotated back and forth for emphasis."

13 SECTION 3. The state foundation on culture and the arts
14 may develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its
15 history to be displayed in a prominent location within the State
16 for residents and visitors to Hawaii.

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

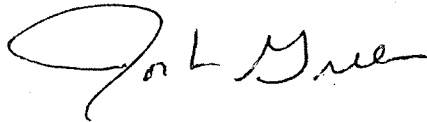
18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this **21st** day of **June**, 2024

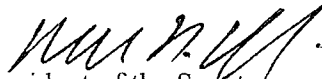
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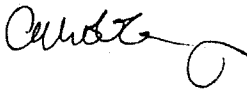
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3312, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
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 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives