

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1032

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 614
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 614, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize Hawaiian Independence Day.

More specifically, this measure establishes La Kuokoa, or Hawaiian Independence Day, as a state holiday, recognizing the compelling history of Hawaiian independence and memorializing the injustice of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands & White House, and eight individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Office of Collective Bargaining.

Your Committee finds that recognizing La Kuokoa as a state holiday honors the cultural and historical significance of Hawaii's sovereignty and the heritage of Native Hawaiians. Your Committee further finds that establishing the state holiday would



foster a deeper understanding of Hawaii's history and promote respect for its traditions and history.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 614, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donovan M. DeLa Cruz", written over a horizontal line.

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB614 SD1	Committee Referral: TCA/HWN, WAM	Date: 2-28-2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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