

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



GOV. MSG. NO. 1373

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 957, H.D. 1,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO LAULAU DAY.  
**ACT 270**

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

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

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 2 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 270**  
**H.B. NO.** 957  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAULAU DAY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the most  
2 popular traditional dishes to eat in the State is laulau.  
3           Laulau is made from pork or fish wrapped in kalo and ti leaves  
4 and then steamed, traditionally in an underground oven known as  
5 an imu. The preparation and consumption of laulau are cherished  
6 practices in Hawaiian communities, often shared at family  
7 gatherings, celebrations, and feasts, serving as a symbol of  
8 unity and cultural pride.

9           The legislature further finds that the preservation and  
10 promotion of Hawaiian food traditions are essential to honoring  
11 the rich legacy of Native Hawaiian culture and fostering a  
12 deeper understanding of the cultural practices that have been  
13 passed down through generations. The designation of "Laulau  
14 Day" will provide an opportunity to celebrate and recognize this  
15 iconic dish, raise awareness of its cultural significance, and  
16 support local farmers, chefs, and communities who continue to  
17 keep these traditions alive.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to designate the  
2 first Friday in May of each year as "Laulau Day" in the State.

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

6           "§8-       Laulau Day. The first Friday in May of each year  
7 shall be known and designated as "Laulau Day". This day is not  
8 and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

9           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



H.B. NO.

957  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 2025



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

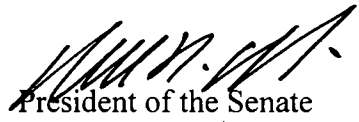


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate