A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the month of
- 2 September, Queen Liliuokalani's birth, life, and legacy is
- 3 remembered and celebrated in the Hawaiian community, including
- 4 at churches and Hawaiian organizations, such as Kawaiahao
- 5 Church's Alii Sunday, the Liliuokalani Trust Kipuka (children
- 6 centers), and the Kamehameha Schools.
- 7 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii Ponoi
- 8 Coalition, founded in 2007, was formed to educate those who live
- 9 in and visit the islands about Hawaii's true history, the Native
- 10 Hawaiian people, and the culture that makes Hawaii a place like
- 11 no other. In September 2007, the Coalition launched a
- 12 commemorative event on the grounds of Iolani Palace to celebrate
- 13 the birthday of Queen Liliuokalani.
- 14 The legislature concludes that designating September as
- 15 Hawaiian History Month would be an appropriate way to honor
- 16 Queen Liliuokalani and recognize the contributions of the Native

- 1 Hawaiian community, while also providing community building,
- 2 educational, and economic opportunities.
- 3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to designate
- 4 September as Hawaiian History Month.
- 5 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 "§8- Hawaiian History Month. The month of September
- 9 shall be known and designated as "Hawaiian History Month" to
- 10 promote public awareness, honor Queen Liliuokalani, and
- 11 recognize the contributions of the Native Hawaiian community.
- 12 This month is not and shall not be construed as a state
- 13 holiday."
- 14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Hawaiian History Month; Month of Observance

Description:

Designates September as Hawaiian History Month. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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