

ACT 167

S.B. NO. 1051

A Bill for an Act Relating to Hawaiian History Month.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the month of September, Queen Liliuokalani's birth, life, and legacy is remembered and celebrated in the Hawaiian community, including at churches and Hawaiian organizations, such as Kawaiahao Church's Alii Sunday, the Liliuokalani Trust Kipuka (children centers), and the Kamehameha Schools.

The legislature further finds that the Hawaii Pono Coalition was formed in 2007 to educate residents and visitors to the islands on Hawaii's history, the Native Hawaiian people, and the culture that makes Hawaii a place like no other. In September 2007, the Coalition launched a commemorative event on the grounds of Iolani Palace to celebrate the birthday of Queen Liliuokalani.

The legislature concludes that designating September as Hawaiian History Month would be an appropriate way to honor Queen Liliuokalani and recognize the contributions of the Native Hawaiian community, while also providing community building, educational, and economic opportunities.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to designate September as Hawaiian History Month.

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

“§8- Hawaiian History Month. The month of September shall be known and designated as “Hawaiian History Month” to promote public awareness of Hawaii's history, honor Queen Liliuokalani, and recognize the contributions of the Native Hawaiian community. This month is not and shall not be construed as a state holiday.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved June 3, 2025.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.