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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF STATEHOOD DAY AS A PAID STATE  
HOLIDAY.

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

1           SECTION 1. There is a lack of organization, celebration,  
2 or participation in any Statehood Day festivities despite the  
3 fact that ninety-four percent of Hawaii voters, a clear  
4 representation of all ethnic groups, affirmed statehood in 1959.  
5 State officials and employees have also shown little or no  
6 support for Hawaii's union with the United States. Given this  
7 demonstrated displeasure and lack of support for Hawaii as part  
8 of the United States, the State should not recognize Statehood  
9 Day as a state holiday for which it's employees are compensated.

10           SECTION 2. Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           "**§8-1 Holidays designated.** The following days of each year  
13 are set apart and established as state holidays:

14           The first day in January, New Year's Day;

15           The third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
16 Day;

17           The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;



1           The twenty-sixth day in March, Prince Jonah Kuhio  
2 Kalaniana'ole Day;  
3           The Friday preceding Easter Sunday, Good Friday;  
4           The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;  
5           The eleventh day in June, King Kamehameha I Day;  
6           The fourth day in July, Independence Day;  
7           ~~[The third Friday in August, Statehood Day;]~~  
8           The first Monday in September, Labor Day;  
9           The eleventh day in November, Veterans' Day;  
10          The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;  
11          The twenty-fifth day in December, Christmas Day;  
12          All election days, except primary and special election  
13 days, in the county wherein the election is held;  
14          Any day designated by proclamation by the President of the  
15 United States or by the governor as a holiday."

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

19          "§8- Statehood Day. The third Friday in August shall be  
20 known as Statehood Day, during which our statehood may be  
21 honored with appropriate displays, celebrations, and ceremonies.



1 Statehood Day is not and shall not be construed to be a state  
2 holiday."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

6 INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  

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# SB. NO. 2518

**Report Title:**

Eliminate Statehood Day; State Holiday; Paid Holiday

**Description:**

Amends HRS section 8-1 to eliminate Statehood Day as a paid State holiday.

