
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Asian Lunar
2 calendar is the oldest calendar in use today with the longest
3 chronological record in history, dating from 2600 B.C. The
4 lunar new year is a time of commemoration, celebration, and
5 great significance for millions of people throughout the world
6 and in Hawai`i, as this state is home to many citizens of
7 Chinese, Korean, and Southeast Asian descent.

8 The purpose of this Act is to officially recognize the
9 Asian Lunar New Year.

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

13 "§8- Asian Lunar New Year. The day designated as
14 the first day of the new year on the Asian lunar calendar shall
15 be designated as Asian Lunar New Year Day. This day is not and
16 shall not be construed as a state holiday."

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Asian Lunar New Year Day

Description:

Officially recognizes the Asian Lunar New Year.

