
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 7 AS HAWAII
LABOR HISTORY WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of
2 educating Hawaii students about the history and accomplishments
3 of working people and the labor movement in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, standards-based textbooks, or commonly used social
6 studies curricula that focus significant study time on the
7 history of labor in Hawaii and collective bargaining, and the
8 role of unions in the protection of workers' rights and the
9 establishment of beneficial laws such as workers' compensation,
10 pre-paid health insurance, and free public education are not a
11 large part of the educational criteria of the Department of
12 Education; and
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14 WHEREAS, knowledge and understanding of the history of
15 labor in Hawaii are important for young people who will soon
16 enter the workforce so they are provided the tools to make
17 informed decisions about their lives and futures and work; and
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19 WHEREAS, there are a growing number of resources devoted to
20 labor education, including those produced and facilitated by the
21 University of Hawaii's (UH) Center for Labor Education and
22 Research, UH's Industrial Relations Center, Department of Labor
23 and Industrial Relations' Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health
24 Division and local unions; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
29 recognizes the week of September 1 - September 7 as "Hawaii
30 Labor History Week" in conjunction with the annual Labor Day
31 holiday and activities; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's workforce is
2 encouraged to develop ways to celebrate and honor the work of
3 labor groups and the progress they have brought about for the
4 working people; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that teachers across the state are
7 also encouraged to provide labor education learning experiences
8 for students appropriate to their grade level and consistent
9 with state educational history and social science content
10 standards; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
14 of Labor and Industrial Relations, President of UH, Director of
15 UH's Industrial Relations Center, Director of UH's Center for
16 Labor Education and Research, Executive Director of the UH
17 Professional Assembly, President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO,
18 President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and
19 Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and Construction
20 Trades Council.

