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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 8-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "~~[+] §8-12 [+] The first Wednesday of~~  
4 ~~June shall be known and designated as Ocean Day, in recognition~~  
5 ~~of the very significant role the ocean plays in the lives of~~  
6 ~~Hawaii's people, as well as Hawaii's culture, history, and~~  
7 ~~traditions. This day is not and shall not be construed as a~~  
8 ~~state holiday.] June 8 of each year shall be known and~~  
9 ~~recognized as "World Ocean Day" to celebrate and honor the~~  
10 ~~oceans of the world, improve international relations, and~~  
11 ~~increase public awareness of conservation management of the~~  
12 ~~ocean environment; provided that this day is not and shall not~~  
13 ~~be construed to be a state holiday. All citizens shall be~~  
14 ~~encouraged to observe and celebrate the blessings of the oceans~~  
15 ~~and endeavor to become caretakers of the ocean for future~~  
16 ~~generations."~~



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

World Ocean Day

**Description:**

Establishes June 8 of each year as World Ocean Day to celebrate the blessings of the oceans, improve international relations, and increase public awareness of conservation management of the ocean environment.

