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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOLIDAYS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the broad spectrum  
2 of conscience and diverse faith traditions that exist throughout  
3 our community, and it respects the freedom of conscience  
4 guaranteed to every citizen in this State, regardless of their  
5 individual religion or faith.

6           The legislature finds that the creation of Peace Day,  
7 celebrated on September 21 of each year, provides an opportunity  
8 for all who value spirituality in their lives to connect and  
9 unite in striving for a more peaceful world based upon values  
10 grounded in a connection to each other and the world around  
11 them.

12           The purpose of this Act is to repeal certain existing  
13 religion-based holidays that honor specific faiths in  
14 recognition of the multitude of religious beliefs that flourish  
15 in Hawaii.

16           SECTION 2. Section 8-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 repealed.



1           ~~["§8-4 Buddha Day. April 8 of each year shall be known~~  
2           ~~and designated as "Buddha Day", provided that this day is not~~  
3           ~~and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."]~~

4           SECTION 3. Section 8-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5           repealed.

6           ~~["[§8-4.5] Baha'i New Year's Day. The 21st day of March~~  
7           ~~shall be known as Baha'i New Year's Day, provided that this day~~  
8           ~~is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."]~~

9           SECTION 4. Section 8-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10          repealed.

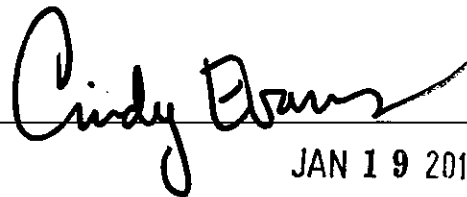
11          ~~["[§8-10] Bodhi Day. December 8 of each year shall be~~  
12          ~~known and designated as "Bodhi Day" in recognition that on this~~  
13          ~~day Prince Siddhartha Gautama, after six years of study and~~  
14          ~~rigorous ascetic practices and meditation, attained~~  
15          ~~"enlightenment" or "awakening" to the true nature of existence,~~  
16          ~~which was later conceptualized as the "Four Noble Truths." This~~  
17          ~~day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."]~~

18          SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19          and stricken.

20          SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





**Report Title:**

Holidays

**Description:**

Repeals Buddha Day, Bahai New Year's Day, and Bodhi Day.

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