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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 9, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1375**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith HB655 HD1 SD1, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

HB655 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO HEALTH

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 655, SENATE DRAFT 1

Honorable Members  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Draft 1 of House Bill No. 655, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Health."

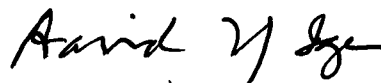
The purpose of this bill is to add a new section to chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to designate September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month."

This bill is objectionable because House Draft 1 of this bill with a delayed effective date became law on April 23, 2019, as Act 36, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2019, without my signature pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i. Therefore, Senate Draft 1 of this bill was subsequently transmitted to me in error.

However, I will issue a proclamation designating September 2019 as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" and will work with the Legislature to amend Act 36 so that it furthers this laudable objective.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Draft 1 of House Bill No. 655 without my approval.

Respectfully,



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor of Hawai'i

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every two days, one  
2 person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide, the leading cause of  
3 fatal injury deaths in the State. The legislature also finds  
4 that from 2010 to 2014, suicide accounted for twenty-six per  
5 cent of all fatal injuries among Hawaii residents, claiming more  
6 victims than motor vehicle collisions, homicides, unintentional  
7 poisoning, and drowning.

8           The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of  
9 September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" to  
10 increase public awareness of suicide prevention education,  
11 resources, and support available to individuals, families, and  
12 communities in Hawaii.

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

16           "§8-        Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.   The month  
17 of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide





HB No. 655, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 22, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives





Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 11, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate