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Written Comments

HB2601 **RELATING TO OBSERVANCES**

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Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon Chair Cullen and members of the Committee, my name is Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi and I am the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments on H.B. No. 2601, Relating to Observances.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Bureau to compile a report of the months and dates of the year that have been designated by both Chambers of the Legislature as a permanent holiday or a period of recognition or observance within the State; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021.

The Bureau takes no position on this measure, but submits the following comments for your consideration.

The Bureau believes that if the scope of the mandated report is not altered, then the report requested under this measure is manageable and that the Bureau will be able to provide the information in the time allotted; provided that the Bureau's interim workload is not adversely impacted by too many other studies or additional responsibilities, such as

conducting, writing, or finalizing other reports, drafting legislation, or both, for other state agencies, task forces, or working groups that may be requested or required under other legislative measures.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written comments.