

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

217

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 678
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 678 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday; and
- (2) Remove Election Day as an official state holiday.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Lā Kū'oko'a was originally established in 1847 by King Kamehameha III to recognize and celebrate Hawaii's recognition as an emerging power by the global powers of the time. Your Committee further finds that Lā Kū'oko'a was celebrated as a national holiday by the Provisional Government of Hawaii, the Republic of Hawaii, and through the initial years of the Territory of Hawaii.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating Election Day as an official state holiday;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2065, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 678, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 678, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 678	Committee Referral: CAI, JHA, FLN	Date: 2/10/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CAI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)				✓
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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