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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE SEAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§5-5 State seal, description.** The great seal of the  
4 State shall be circular in shape, two and three-quarters inches  
5 in diameter, and of the design being described, with the  
6 tinctures added as a basis for the coat of arms as follows:

7           Arms. An heraldic shield which is quarterly; first and  
8 fourth, stripes of the Hawaiian flag; second and third, on a  
9 yellow field, a white ball pierced on a black staff; overall, a  
10 green escutcheon with a five-pointed yellow star in the center.

11           Supporters. On the right side, Kamehameha I, standing in  
12 the attitude as represented by the bronze statue in front of  
13 Aliiolani Hale, Honolulu; cloak and helmet yellow; figure in  
14 natural colors. To the left, goddess of liberty, wearing a  
15 Phrygian cap and laurel wreath, and holding in right hand the  
16 Hawaiian flag, partly unfurled.



1 Crest. A rising sun irradiated in gold, surrounded by a  
2 legend "State of [~~Hawaii~~] Hawai'i 1959", on a scroll, black  
3 lettering.

4 Motto. "Ua mau ke ea o ka [~~aina~~] 'āina i ka pono" on the  
5 scroll at bottom, gold lettering.

6 Orthography. Modern Hawaiian orthography, including the  
7 kahakō and 'okina, shall be used in the spelling of Hawai'i and  
8 in the motto. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, valid  
9 representations of the seal created before the effective date of  
10 this Act shall remain valid.

11 Further accessories. Below the shield, the bird phoenix  
12 wings outstretched; arising from flames, body black, wings half  
13 yellow, half dark red; also eight taro leaves, having on either  
14 side banana foliage and sprays of maiden hair fern, trailed  
15 upwards."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



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**Report Title:**

State Seal; Modern Hawaiian Orthography

**Description:**

Requires the use of modern Hawaiian orthography, including the kahakō and 'okina, on the state seal. Provides that valid representations of the seal created before this Act shall remain valid.

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