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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, on January 17,  
2 1893, the Kingdom of Hawaii witnessed the unjust and illegal  
3 overthrow of its sovereign monarch, Queen Liliuokalani,  
4 resulting in the disruption of the Hawaiian government and the  
5 sovereignty of the Hawaiian people. The actions that led to the  
6 overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the Kingdom of Hawaii were  
7 inconsistent with the principles of justice, self-determination,  
8 and international law.

9       In 1993, the United States Congress, through P.L. 103-150,  
10 formally acknowledged the role of the United States in the  
11 illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and expressed regret  
12 for the wrongful actions committed. In addition, P.L. 103-150  
13 recognized and supported the reconciliation efforts that were  
14 initiated between the United States, the State, the United  
15 Church of Christ, and the Native Hawaiian people.

16       The legislature finds that, in the spirit of advancing  
17 those initial efforts made towards reconciliation, it is



1 imperative to recognize and remember this historical injustice,  
2 to ensure that future generations are aware of the devastating  
3 negative impact of the events of January 17, 1893, on the  
4 Hawaiian people and their culture.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to designate the  
6 seventeenth day in January of each year as Reconciliation Day,  
7 to commemorate the memory of Queen Liliuokalani and the illegal  
8 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

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

12 "§8- Reconciliation Day. The seventeenth day in January  
13 each year shall be known as Reconciliation Day, to commemorate  
14 the memory of Queen Liliuokalani and the illegal overthrow of  
15 the Kingdom of Hawaii, provided that this day is not and shall  
16 not be construed to be a state holiday."

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Reconciliation Day

**Description:**

Establishes January 17 of each year as Reconciliation Day, to commemorate the memory of Queen Liliuokalani and the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday. (SD1)

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