

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2024

**APR 03**

RE: S.B. No. 2657  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKAHIKI COMMEMORATION DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish Makahiki Commemoration Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing state law recognizes November 20 of each year as Makahiki Commemoration Day. However, your Committee believes that it would be more appropriate to celebrate Makahiki Commemoration Day based on the traditional Hawaiian lunar calendar. This measure reflects a continued commitment to pursue the commemoration of the Makahiki season, an ancient Hawaiian New Year festival that honors the god Lono and celebrates bountiful harvest.

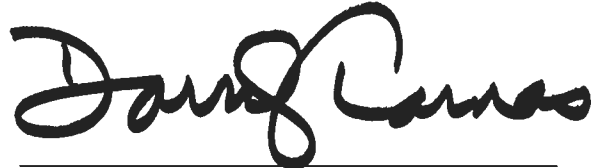
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Amending the date on which Makahiki Commemoration Day is recognized; and
- (2) 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



