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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAULAU DAY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the most  
2 popular traditional dishes to eat in the State is laulau.  
3           Laulau is made from pork or fish wrapped in kalo and ti leaves  
4 and then steamed, traditionally in an underground oven known as  
5 an imu. The preparation and consumption of laulau are cherished  
6 practices in Hawaiian communities, often shared at family  
7 gatherings, celebrations, and feasts, serving as a symbol of  
8 unity and cultural pride.

9           The legislature further finds that the preservation and  
10 promotion of Hawaiian food traditions are essential to honoring  
11 the rich legacy of Native Hawaiian culture and fostering a  
12 deeper understanding of the cultural practices that have been  
13 passed down through generations. The designation of "Laulau  
14 Day" will provide an opportunity to celebrate and recognize this  
15 iconic dish, raise awareness of its cultural significance, and  
16 support local farmers, chefs, and communities who continue to  
17 keep these traditions alive.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to designate the  
2 first Friday in May of each year as "Laulau Day" in the State.

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

6           "§8-       Laulau Day. The first Friday in May of each year  
7 shall be known and designated as "Laulau Day". This day is not  
8 and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

9           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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**Report Title:**

Laulau Day; Day of Observance

**Description:**

Designates the first Friday in May of each year as "Laulau Day" in the State. (CD1)

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