

ACT 162

A Bill for an Act Relating to Buddha Day.

WHEREAS, brotherhood of men throughout the world can only be fostered through greater understanding of the various cultures of the world; and

WHEREAS, international exchange of culture, commerce and technology has become in part a reality through the establishment of the East-West Center in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Buddha Day is observed each year on April 8 in celebration of the birthday of Gautama Buddha by thousands of people in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii endowed with its cosmopolitan people and ideal geographical location can take leadership in opening the pathway to

greater understanding between the Buddhist religion of the East and religions of the West; now, therefore,

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 1-43 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end of the section to read as follows:

“The 8th day of April of each year shall be known and designated as “Buddha Day”, provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday”.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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