

ACT 120

S.B. NO. 2657

A Bill for an Act Relating to Makahiki Commemoration Day.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~§8-19~~ Makahiki Commemoration Day. [November 20th] One of the kapu Hua days of Mōhala, Hua, or Akua of the lunar month of ‘Ikuā of each year shall be known and designated as Makahiki Commemoration Day[.] to recognize the Makahiki, a season and New Year festival of Hawaiian tradition celebrating harvest, bounty, and the god Lono. The calendar date on which the State should commemorate the Makahiki season shall be projected yearly using various technologies that track celestial phenomena to determine and publicize the equivalent day of the Gregorian calendar. This day is not and shall not be construed as a state holiday.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved June 28, 2024.)