
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAKADA DAY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that the Filipino
2 community has contributed significantly and substantially to the
3 history, economy, culture, and heritage of Hawaii. Since the
4 coming of the first Filipinos--fifteen *sakadas*, or Filipino
5 plantation workers, who arrived in Honolulu aboard the *S.S.*
6 *Doric* more than one hundred years ago on December 20, 1906, to
7 work as contract laborers in the plantation industry--some one
8 hundred twenty thousand *sakadas* arrived in Hawaii between 1906
9 and 1934. These *sakadas* paved the way for the great legacy of
10 the Filipino community in Hawaii. Today, Filipinos and part-
11 Filipinos constitute the largest ethnic group in the State of
12 Hawaii.

13 The purpose of this Act is to recognize, acknowledge, and
14 understand the historical significance of the arrival of the
15 first *sakadas* in Hawaii. Furthermore, this Act:

16 (1) Celebrates the historical significance and strong
17 relationship between the State of Hawaii and the
18 Republic of the Philippines; and



1 (2) Recognizes the great contributions of Filipinos to
 2 Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society, as well as
 3 the rich culture and proud heritage of the Filipino
 4 people and their continuing positive influence on life
 5 in Hawaii.

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

9 "§8- Sakada Day. December 20 of each year shall be
 10 known and designated as "Sakada Day"; provided that this day is
 11 not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Sakada Day

Description:

Designates December 20 of each year as Sakada Day in Hawaii.

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