
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend the penal
2 code to support the treatment and burial of a corpse consistent
3 with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices.

4 SECTION 2. Section 711-1108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

6 "(1) A person commits the offense of abuse of a corpse if,
7 except as authorized by law, the person treats a human corpse in
8 a way that the person knows would outrage ordinary family
9 sensibilities[-]; provided that the preparation of a corpse for
10 burial and the burial of a corpse in a manner consistent with
11 traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not be
12 a violation of this section."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Abuse of a Corpse; Traditional Hawaiian Cultural Customs and Practices

Description:

Provides that the preparation of a corpse for burial and the burial of the corpse in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not constitute the abuse of a corpse within the penal code. (HB1297 HD1)

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