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# 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 preparation and burial of a corpse  
3 consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and  
4 practices.

5           SECTION 2. Section 711-1108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7           "§711-1108 Abuse of a corpse. (1) A person commits the  
8 offense of abuse of a corpse if, except as authorized by law,  
9 the person treats a human corpse in a way that the person knows  
10 would outrage ordinary family sensibilities.

11           (2) The preparation of a corpse for burial or cremation in  
12 a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs  
13 and practices shall not be a violation of this section.

14           (3) The burial or cremation of a corpse prepared  
15 consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and  
16 practices shall not be a violation of this section.

17           ~~[-(2)-]~~ (4) Abuse of a corpse is a misdemeanor."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 24,  
4 2088.



**Report Title:**

Abuse of a Corpse; Traditional Hawaiian Cultural Customs and Practices

**Description:**

Clarifies that preparation, burial, or cremation of a corpse in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not constitute the offense of abuse of a corpse. (SB1166 HD1)

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