

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1400

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 9, 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 149

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 149 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVISE ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND POLICIES TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN BURIALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to review and implement administrative rules and policies applicable to the processing, burial, and transportation of a corpse to encourage and promote the use of traditional Hawaiian burial practices.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Ko'olau Foundation, and Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure with comments.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Health will be revising its administrative rules relative to traditional Hawaiian burial practices. Should this require any statutory change, the Department of Health will bring their recommendations to the Legislature in the 2016 Regular Session.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Health to also develop administrative rules and policies applicable to the processing, burial, and transportation

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of a corpse that would encourage and promote the use of traditional Hawaiian burial practices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 149, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
For DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HC R 149</i>	Committee Referral: <i>OMH, HLT</i>	Date: <i>4/8/2015</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo				✓
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				✓
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				✓
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Della A. Belatti</i></u>				
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