

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1078

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1166
S.D. 2
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 Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian
Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1166, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the legitimacy
and cultural importance of traditional Hawaiian cultural customs
and practices for the preparation, burial, or cremation of a
corpse by clarifying that these practices are not a violation of
the penal code's prohibition of abuse of a corpse.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic
Club, Ko'olau Foundation, and an individual submitted testimony in
support of this measure. The Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty
Studies submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its
effective date to December 24, 2088, to encourage further
discussion.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1166, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1166, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,



KANIELA ING, Chair



