

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 96

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.R. No. 96 entitled:

"SENATE 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 and intent of this measure is to request that the
Department of Health revise its administrative rules and policies
to facilitate and encourage traditional Hawaiian burials.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic
Club, Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies, and Koolau
Foundation.

Your Committee finds that measures are currently moving
through the legislative process that would serve to promote the
practice of traditional Hawaiian burials. In anticipation of
their passage, your Committee believes that the Department of
Health should be encouraged to develop and implement
administrative rules and policies to govern traditional Hawaiian
burial practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the title
and body of the measure to clarify that the Department of Health
is being asked to develop and implement administrative rules and
policies, rather than amend existing rules.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 96, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 96, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



