June 30, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1166 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE  
ACT 171 (15)

Sincerely,

David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Abuse of a corpse is a misdemeanor."

Approved by the Governor
JUN 30 2015

THE SENATE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015
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SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN, 2015

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII