

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1783

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1166
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1166, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the penal code to recognize and support traditional Hawaiian burial or cremation practices by clarifying that the preparation, burial, or cremation of a corpse in a manner consistent with Hawaiian cultural customs and practices is not a violation of the penal code's prohibition of abuse of a corpse.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ko'olau Foundation, and Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club supported this measure. The Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to take effect upon approval.

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

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



