

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1304

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 131

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BURIAL SITES WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BURIAL SITES PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Burial Sites Working Group to review and recommend improvements to the Burial Sites Program within the State Historic Preservation Division.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Kōmike Kalai'āina, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that leaders of the Island Burial Councils have criticized the State for mismanagement of the Burial Sites Program, and many within the Native Hawaiian community have expressed frustration over inaction by the State Historic Preservation Division. Your Committee also finds that a Burial Sites Working Group could provide a mechanism to clarify issues,



propose solutions, and improve the efficacy of the Burial Sites Program and the protections that it affords.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adjusting the number of Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners to be selected for the working group by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives from two each to one each; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 131, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 131, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HCR131</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WAL, JHA</i>	Date: <i>3/23/21</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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	/			
2. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana (VC)	/			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. McDERMOTT, Bob				/
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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