

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

941

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1297
H.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
H.B. No. 1297, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the penal code to allow for the preparation of a corpse for burial and burial of a corpse consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and Ko'olau Foundation.

Your Committee finds that this measure would allow for the preparation and burial of iwi. Your Committee received testimony that allowing for the burial of iwi would be both cost efficient and a more efficient use of limited burial space. Your Committee also received testimony that a large number of the requests for financial assistance made to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs each year arise from funeral and burial costs that the families cannot afford. This measure would help to address this situation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1297, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.



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




MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1297 HD 1	Committee Referral: HWN, JDL	Date: 03/18/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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