

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

575

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1297

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1297 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to legalize the practice of traditional Hawaiian-style burials by providing that preparation of a corpse for burial in a manner consistent with Hawaiian cultural customs and practices is not a violation of the penal code.


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

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

HB1297 HSCR OMH HMS 2015-2044



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,



KANIELA ING, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

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| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1297 | Committee Referral: OMH, JUD | Date: 2-18-15 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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) | | | | |
| OMH Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. ING, Kaniela (C) | / | | | |
| 2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. CULLEN, Ty J.K. | / | | | |
| 4. EVANS, Cindy | / | | | |
| 5. LEE, Chris | / | | | |
| 6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | | | | / |
| 7. SAY, Calvin K.Y. | / | | | |
| 8. YAMANE, Ryan I. | / | | | |
| 9. POUHA, Feki | | | | / |
| 10. THIELEN, Cynthia | | | | / |
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| TOTAL (10) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u> | | | | |
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