

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 430 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2887  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2887 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TATTOOING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to exempt tattoo artists deemed to be "Kahuna Ka Kakau" by the Department of Health (DOH) from the licensing requirements as a tattoo artist.

The Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DOH provided comments.

DOH recommends that Kahuna Ka Kakau be completely exempted from all regulations and statutes relating to their practice of Hawaiian tattooing, because of the lack of expertise of DOH in the practice of traditional Hawaiian tattooing. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill to remove the requirement for DOH to develop best practices policies for traditional Hawaiian tattooing. Nonetheless, your Committee finds that it may be prudent to adopt basic guidelines solely to prevent illness or injury from infection or contamination resulting from the tattooing procedure.

This bill has also been amended by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2887, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2887, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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KEN ITO, Chair



