

Honolulu, Hawaii

July 30, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 29

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 29
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEAD HUMAN BODIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the ethical treatment
of human body remains by requiring a permit from the Department of
Health (DOH) to commercially display dead human bodies.

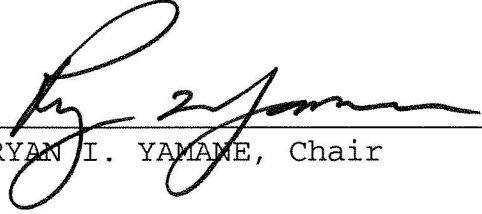
Several concerned individuals supported this bill. DOH
submitted comments.

Your Committee agrees that safeguards should be instituted to
prevent the misuse of human body remains. However, your committee
recognizes DOH's concerns that the establishment of a permitting
process to regulate exhibitions containing human body remains may
be better placed within an agency such as the Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 29
and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the
Committee on Judiciary.



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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



