

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1301

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1083
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1083, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow for greater representation of the Hawaiian community in the implementation of the Hawaiian Burial Councils law by including Alu Like, Inc., Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Kanaka Council, and representatives of the Hawaiian benevolent societies and the Hawaiian royal orders in the list of organizations and persons that must be consulted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) before developing:

- (1) A list of candidates for appointment to the Island Burial Councils;
- (2) Criteria to determine whether to relocate or preserve a Hawaiian burial site in place; and
- (3) Criteria for determining whether to remove multiple skeletons from the location at which they were discovered.



The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported this bill. DLNR supported this bill with amendments. Kawaihapai Ohana and a concerned individual supported this measure with reservations. Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe opposed this bill. A concerned individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill to include in the list of organizations that should be consulted by DLNR, the following organizations with expertise in the handling of iwi:

- (1) The Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii,
- (2) The Historic Preservation Division of DLNR; and
- (3) The Island Burial Councils.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1083, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1083, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



