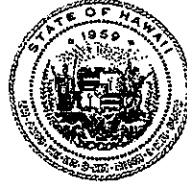


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SB2796 SD1, Relating to Death Benefits

1 **Department's Position:** Department of Health takes no position on specific death benefits issues, but  
2 strongly supports the clarification of language regarding the handling of unclaimed dead human bodies.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:**

5 The Department of Health supports Senate Bill 2796 SD1, Relating to Death Benefits. This legislative  
6 proposal, when taken in combination with SB2818 HD1, Relating to Disposition of Dead Human  
7 Bodies, will clarify the roles and responsibilities of state agencies in the handling of unclaimed dead  
8 human bodies in such a way that will preserve the dignity of the decedent and streamline government  
9 operations.

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11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.