

JAN 18 2013

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§6E- Relocation of Native Hawaiian remains with unknown
5 provenience. (a) It is the policy of the State to care for
6 inadvertently discovered Native Hawaiian human remains in
7 culturally appropriate ways. The preference for remains found
8 at a burial site is for those remains to stay in place. If
9 remains must be removed, the owner of the land from which the
10 remains were found shall provide a burial site on the property
11 from which the remains were found. However, in cases where no
12 provenience is known, such as when human remains are returned
13 from abroad; where remains cannot be returned to the initial
14 burial site and are not assigned an alternative burial site by
15 the department; or in other special situations as determined by
16 the department, notwithstanding sections 6E-6, 6E-43, 6E-43.5,
17 and 6E-43.6 to the contrary, Native Hawaiian remains in the
18 possession of the department, or any state or county agency,



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1 shall be relocated annually to the island of Kaho'olawe for
2 interment.

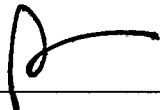
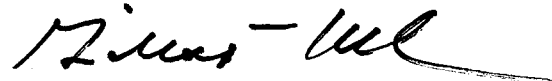
3 (b) All access to reinterment sites on Kaho'olawe shall be
4 under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Kaho'olawe island
5 reserve commission."

6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Reinterment; Native Hawaiian Remains; Kaho'olawe

Description:

Requires that iwi kupuna, or Native Hawaiian bones, in the possession of the State whose provenience is unknown, or for other special circumstance, be reinterred annually on the island of Kaho'olawe.

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