

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2200

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 320
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 320 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require Native Hawaiian remains in the possession of the State whose provenience is unknown, or in other special circumstances, to be reinterred annually on the island of Kaho'olawe.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

Your Committee finds that the State is in possession of numerous Native Hawaiian remains with unknown origins. Because the State does not know where these remains originated and there is no policy or rule dictating where they should be reinterred, the remains are languishing in storage facilities. Your Committee finds that these remains should be respectfully reinterred as soon as possible but understand that many Native Hawaiian advocacy groups have significant concerns regarding the reinterment process.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language to:

- (1) Establish a working group to create a process to select and reinter Native Hawaiian remains in the possession of the State, whose provenience is unknown, or in other special circumstances, on the island of Kaho'olawe; and
- (2) Make technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 320, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB320	HWN, WAM	2/5/14
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	✓	Nay
HEE, Clayton (VC)	✓	Excused
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N.		✓
SLOM, Sam		✓
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes