
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend the penal
2 code to support the treatment and burial of a corpse consistent
3 with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices.

4 SECTION 1. Section 711-1108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

6 "(1) A person commits the offense of abuse of a corpse if,
7 except as authorized by law, the person treats a human corpse in
8 a way that the person knows would outrage ordinary family
9 sensibilities[-]; provided that the treatment of a corpse for
10 burial in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural
11 customs and practices shall not be a violation of this section."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Abuse of a Corpse; Traditional Hawaiian Cultural Customs and Practices

Description:

Provides that the treatment of a corpse in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not constitute the abuse of a corpse within the penal code.

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