

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1578
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THEFT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent the theft of cremation urns by:

- (1) Establishing the offense of theft of an urn as a class C felony; and
- (2) Requiring scrap dealers and persons who sell to scrap dealers to follow the same regulations and provide the same receipts, declarations, and verifications for the purchase of an urn that are required for the purchase of copper or a beer keg.

A Council Member of the Hawai'i County Council and three concerned individuals testified in support of the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the elements of the offense of theft of an urn to include any of the acts enumerated in section 708-830, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Inserting the effective date of March 15, 2037, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



