

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 214
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 214
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISINTERMENT OF HUMAN BODIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow private cemeteries in
good standing with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
to disinter and reinter human bodies within the same cemetery
without filing an application for a permit with the Department of
Health.

The Hawaii Funeral & Cemetery Association, Mililani Memorial
Park & Mortuary, Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan, Ltd., Ballard Family
Mortuary, Ballard Family Moanalua Mortuary, Valley Isle Memorial
Park, Norman's Mortuary, Borthwick Kauai Mortuary, Dodo Mortuary,
Inc., Diamond Head Memorial Park, and two individuals testified in
support of this measure. The Department of Health testified in
opposition to this measure. The Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring, a licensed embalmer
to be available during the disinterment; and



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

Should your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce deliberate further on this measure, your Committee on Health respectfully requests that the Department of Health work with members of the mortuary industry to develop language that addresses issues raised in testimony.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 214, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 214, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



