

HB-1602

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Testimony for CPC on 2/25/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1602 in order to reduce toxins released into Hawaii's environment.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

+++retrofitting +++renewable energy

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB2498. Our coral reefs are dying due in large part to warming oceans, and valuable coastline is eroding due to sea level rise. Climate change is already occurring. Retrofitting for clean energy will help Hawaii lead in the fight against climate change.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

+++jobs +++renewable energy

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1934. Funding for renewable energy jobs will help the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

+++clean energy

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB571. Our coral reefs are dying due in large part to warming oceans, and valuable coastline is eroding due to sea level rise. Climate change is already occurring. Hawaii needs to be a leader in clean energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

Borthwick Mortuary

1330 Maunakea Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96817

Written Testimony in **Opposition** of **HB 1602**– Relating to Human Remains

February 24, 2020

To: Representative Roy M. Takumi – Chair- Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair- Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Committee Members

HEARING DATE/TIME: February 25th, 2020 / 2:00pm

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members

My name is Mel Kalahiki, Manager of Borthwick Mortuary (Oahu). Borthwick Mortuary is in **Opposition** to **HB 1602** that is “Relating to Human Remains”. We don’t feel there is enough information available to understand how these processes will affect the environment or the type of regulation that will be needed to protect the community.

We respectfully ask HB1602 be deferred, at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Thank you,

Mel Kalahiki

Borthwick Kauai Mortuary

3168 Poipu Road
Koloa Kauai, HI 96756

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Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members

My name is Trisha Blake, Manager of Borthwick Kauai Mortuary. Borthwick Kauai Mortuary is in **Opposition** to **HB 1602** that is “Relating to Human Remains”. We don’t feel there is enough information regarding these processes and how it will affect the environment, or the type of regulation that will be needed.

We respectfully ask HB1602 be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Thank you,
Trisha Blake



Ballard Family Mortuary Hilo
570 Kinoole St.
Hilo, HI 96720

Opposition to HB 1602

Date: February 224, 2020

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

My Name is Joey Lee, Manager of Ballard Family Mortuary Hilo, in Hilo, HI. Ballard Family Mortuary is in Opposition to HB 1602 “Relating to Human Remains”. We will need more information regarding the process, and affects this will have on the environment and the regulations needed to protect our communities.

I humbly ask that HB 1602 be deferred.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Warm Regards,

Joey Lee
Manager
Ballard Family Mortuary Hilo/Kona
808-935-8445

BALLARD FAMILY MOANALUA MORTUARY

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Hearing Date/Time: February 25, 2020 2:00 pm

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members:

My name is Robert Marzo, I am the Manager of Ballard Family Moanalua Mortuary in Honolulu, Oahu. Ballard Moanalua Mortuary is in opposition to HB 1602 “Relating to Human Remains”. I feel that there is not enough information available to fully understand how these processes and how they will affect the environment or the type of regulation that will be needed to protect the community.

On behalf of Ballard Moanalua Mortuary I respectfully ask that HB 1602 be deferred at this time.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Robert Marzo
Manager

Normans Mortuary
105 Waiale Road
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

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Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members

My name is Mapu Kekahuna, Manager of Normans Mortuary in Wailuku, Maui. Normans Mortuary is in **Opposition** to **HB 1602** (“Bill”) “Relating to Human Remains”. We do not feel there is enough information regarding these processes, how it’s going affect the environment or what type of regulation is going to be needed to protect the community.

Normans Mortuary respectfully ask HB1602 be deferred.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Mapu Kekahuna
Manager
Norman’s Mortuary
808-244-4065



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Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members

My name is Justin Soriano, General Manager of Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery & Funeral Services. Hawaiian Memorial Park is in **Opposition** to **HB 1602** that is “Relating to Human Remains”. We don’t feel there is enough information available to understand how these processes will affect the environment or the type of regulation that will be needed to protect the community.

Hawaiian Memorial Park respectfully ask HB1602 be deferred, at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Thank you,

Justin Soriano



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

By

Jerris Hedges, MD, MS, MMM
Professor & Dean
John A. Burns School of Medicine

And

Michael Bruno, PhD
Provost
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1602 – RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

HB 1602 includes the use of alkaline hydrolysis and natural organic reduction as methods for the disposal of human remains. The measure also amends the procedures for the resolution of disputes regarding the disposition of a decedent's remains and the recovery of expenses to include hydrolysis facilities and natural organic reduction facilities.

The Willed Body Program (WBP) at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa has been supporting medical education as a body donor program in Hawai'i. Our mission at JABSOM is to educate current and future healthcare professionals and leaders. For the past 3 years, the JABSOM WBP has received about 180 anatomical gifts per year.

During the preclinical courses in the 1st and 2nd year, the medical students receive a basic science and clinical skills foundation upon which to build applied clinical knowledge throughout their continued education and practice. Gross anatomy is one of the foundational courses emphasized in the preclinical courses. During the first two years, medical students learn the anatomy of the entire body through gross anatomical dissection of human cadavers, or "silent teachers" as they are known in our program.

The WBP also supports medical education in anatomy for our surgery and orthopedic residency programs at JABSOM, for Hawai'i-based emergency personnel and other Allied Health Professionals, as well as supports Continuing Medical Education for certain physician specialties which are required to demonstrate maintenance of procedural skills for their continued licensure. Additionally, the WBP sets up multiple workshops in anatomy for local high school students who are interested in becoming future health care workers in Hawai'i.

The WBP recognizes and honors the goodwill of the “silent teachers” and their families. To show appreciation and intense respect for their “silent teachers”, JABSOM students hold an annual Memorial Service in April to which the families are invited. This meaningful service helps JABSOM meet our mission as a community-based and community-engaged medical school whose purpose is to train future physicians for Hawai‘i’s populations. Disposition of the donated bodies is done in accordance with the donor’s and/or family’s wishes and in accordance with Hawai‘i Revised Statutes chapter 327.

We are extremely committed to maintaining the highest standards in caring for these gifts – which is the purpose of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes section 327-11. Unfortunately, there have been instances where families or potential donors chose to donate their bodies to other entities or programs in Hawai‘i with resultant improper handling or disposition. We support HB 1602 in order to prevent such instances from occurring.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Rayne	Individual	Support	No

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