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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is necessary to  
2 clarify the definition of "burial site" in section 6E-2, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes, as its current definition results in  
4 questionable interpretations involving multiple burials,  
5 secondary burials, marked burials, associated burial goods, and  
6 the immediate surrounding archaeological context of burials.

7           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the  
8 definition of "burial site" to address the problematic aspect of  
9 the current definition.

10          SECTION 2. Section 6E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending the definition of "burial site" to read as  
12 follows:

13          "Burial site" means any specific marked or unmarked  
14 location where prehistoric or historic human skeletal remains  
15 [~~and their associated burial goods~~] of an individual or set of  
16 individuals are [~~interred,~~] found, and [~~its immediate~~] the  
17 surrounding [~~archaeological~~] cultural context, including



1 associated burial goods that may be present, deemed a unique  
2 class of historic property and not otherwise included in section  
3 6E-41."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# H.B. NO. 2608

**Report Title:**

State Historic Preservation Division; Burial Sites

**Description:**

Clarifies the definition of "burial site".

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