STAND. COM. REP. NO. 129

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 680 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 680 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include the use of traditional Hawaiian burial practices in the treatment and disposal of human remains, including the use of alkaline hydrolysis, water cremation, and natural organic reduction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Aloha Mortuary; Fisher & Associates Consulting, LLC; and ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii Funeral & Cemetery Association, Inc.

Your Committee finds that traditional Hawaiian burial practices play a critical role in Hawaiian culture and are a cost effective and environmentally friendly alternative to modern treatments of human remains.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 680, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 680, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness,

YAMANE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 680	HHHH, SHA, CPC	02/04/2621
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)		
HHH Members	Ayes Ayes (WR) Nays Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	J	
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)		
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	V	
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The recommendation is: • Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)		
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:		
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