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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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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INTRODUCED BY: _____



S.B. NO. 2442

Report Title:

State Historic Preservation Division; Burial Sites

Description:

Clarifies the definition of "burial site".

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