

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2887
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2887, H.D. 2,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TATTOOING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to observe the cultural
practices of traditional Hawaiian tattooing while ensuring that
health and safety measures are provided by requiring the
Department of Health to convene a working group to address the
issues relating to the practice of traditional Hawaiian tattooing,
and submit a written report of the working group's findings and
recommendations to the Legislature prior to the 2009 Regular
Session.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one
private individual.

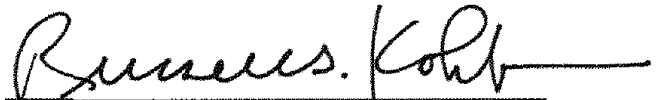
Traditional Hawaiian tattooing is a sacred cultural practice
that connects individuals to their ancestors. Individuals who
wish to receive tattoos in the traditional manner must often
conduct in-depth genealogical and spiritual research before they
are tattooed. The practice is rising in popularity as more Native
Hawaiians seek out ways to reconnect to their rich cultural
heritage. Your Committee recognizes that traditional Hawaiian
tattooing utilizes procedures, equipment, and dyes that are
inconsistent with current health standards and raises health



concerns. Requiring the Department of Health to convene a working group to address the issues relating to the practice of traditional Hawaiian tattooing will enable the Legislature to enact appropriate legislation that will allow individuals to safely receive tattoos in the traditional manner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2887, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



