

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 386
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 386 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to revise the list of individuals exempt from jury service by:

- (1) Repealing the exemptions except for jurors who served within the last year; and
- (2) Creating exemptions for persons who live more than 70 miles from the court and persons who are age 70 or older.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender opposed this measure. The Judiciary offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reinstating the exemption of a member of a police or fire department from jury service;
- (2) Increasing the age of a person exempt from jury service from 70 years to 80;



- (3) Exempting a member of an emergency medical services agency from jury service; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 386, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



