

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 26, 2006

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

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

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the jury service exemptions. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Repeals the exemptions, except for jurors who:
 - (A) Are active members of a police or fire department; or
 - (B) Have served within the last year;
- and

- (2) Establishes exemptions for persons who:



- (A) Are members of an emergency medical services agency;
- (B) Live more than 70 miles from the court for which jury service is required; or
- (C) Are age 80 or older.


Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing for jury service exemptions for:
 - (A) Elected officials while the Legislature is in session;
 - (B) Judges of the United States, State, or county;
 - (C) Active practicing physicians; and
 - (D) Members of the armed forces or militia when on active service and deployed out-of-state;
- (2) Specifying that the exemption for members of an emergency medical services agency apply to active members only; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



