

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2064
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2064, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permit an actively practicing psychologist who is in the full-time practice of treating patients to claim an exemption from service as a juror.

The Judiciary submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Although your Committee recognizes that all qualified state residents have an obligation to serve as jurors, state law currently allows an actively practicing physician or dentist to claim an exemption from jury duty. Your Committee also recognizes there is a shortage of mental health service providers in the State, particularly in rural and other under-served areas. This measure will allow psychologists in full-time practice to continue to provide mental health services to patients without an unplanned interruption that may interfere with treatment plans.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2064, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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

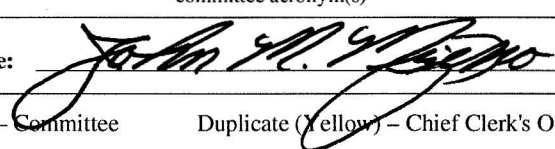
Josh Green M.D.
JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2064, SD 1	Committee Referral: HLT, JUD	Date: 3-12-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani			✓	
4. BELATTI, Della Au		✓		
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.			✓	
7. RHOADS, Karl		✓		
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.		✓		
TOTAL (10)	5	3	2	
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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