

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2742

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2064

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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2064 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt psychologists from
jury service in order to better serve the residents of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Psychological Association, Na Pu'uwai Native
Hawaiian Health Care System, and twenty-one individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Judiciary and The League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that exempting psychologists from jury
service will serve to protect the health of the public by avoiding
a disruption in patient care. In this regard, it is often
difficult to replace one psychologist with another, without
significant risk to the health or well-being of the patient.
Furthermore, patients in rural areas may face additional
difficulties due to a shortage of psychologists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by exempting only
psychologists who are in the full-time practice of treating
patients. Testimony from various proponents of this measure
indicated that the need for this exemption is directly related to
patient care.



Your Committee has also amended this measure by amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, for purposes of facilitating further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2064, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2064, S.D. 1.

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




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2064	Committee Referral: HTA, JDL	Date: 2-22-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	✓			
HEE, Clayton (VC)				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes