

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2047

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2072

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2072 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify the
manner of serving a summons within the State for a civil action.

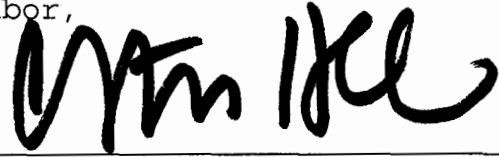
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Financial Services
Association, Hawaii Bankers Association, Hawaii Credit Union
League, and Collection Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar
Association.

Your Committee finds that a summons is a notice that is
attached to a civil complaint filed by a plaintiff against a
defendant. A summons will either require a defendant to file a
written answer to the complaint within twenty days after service
of the summons or appear in court on a date and time specified to
answer the complaint. However, service of process laws do not
provide for the service of a summons by certified, registered, or
express mail in all types of civil actions when the defendant
cannot be personally served. This measure provides a
comprehensive and consistent approach for service of summons in
these situations by specifying the manner of serving a summons
within the State for a civil action, thereby ensuring that the due
process rights of the defendants and the interests of the
plaintiffs are satisfied in a timely and accountable manner.



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. 2072 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



