

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2597

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2452

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. 2452 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt
breastfeeding mothers or mothers who are expressing milk from jury
duty for up to one year from the time the mother began
breastfeeding the child.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; The
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii
Chapter; Hawaii Women's Coalition; Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies
Coalition of Hawaii; Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of
Nurse-Midwives; Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; Breastfeeding
Hawaii; Hawaii Dietetic Association; and five individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that according to the Hawaii State
Commission on the Status of Women, only one in five children in
Hawaii are exclusively breastfed within the first six months of
life as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The
World Health Organization recommends that children be exclusively
breastfed up to the age of six months then continue to be
breastfed up to two years of age to reduce risk of infectious
diseases, asthma, allergies, certain childhood cancers, obesity,
and diabetes. Furthermore, the Commission testified that twelve
states in addition to Puerto Rico have laws that exempt

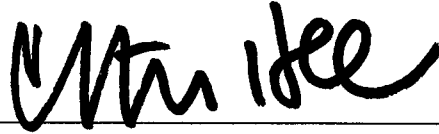
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breastfeeding women from jury duty. This measure will allow breastfeeding mothers the opportunity and choice to be exempt from serving jury duty.

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. 2452 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



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2452	Committee Referral: JDL	Date: 2/20/14		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
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