

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2315  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2315 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 from jury  
duty mothers who breastfeed or express breast milk; provided that  
this exemption shall end when a mother is no longer breastfeeding  
or expressing breast milk.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women;  
Breastfeeding Hawaii; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and  
Hawaii; American Association of University Women-Hawaii; Hawaii  
State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Healthy Mothers,  
Healthy Babies; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that breastfeeding has been shown to be  
beneficial for mothers and their infants. However, for many  
mothers, breastfeeding can be difficult to begin and hard to  
maintain. Multiple barriers also exist for women who wish to  
continue breastfeeding. Your Committee further finds that jury  
duty can be burdensome to breastfeeding mothers, as mother-child  
separation creates a serious challenge to continued breastfeeding.  
Women who serve on a jury may also lack access to a clean, private  
space to express breast milk. Your Committee additionally finds  
that supportive policies can help women continue breastfeeding.  
The jury duty exemption for breastfeeding mothers, as proposed by



this measure, is one such policy that can support and benefit breastfeeding mothers and their children.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2315, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2315, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



