

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

962

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2017

RE: H.B. No. 954
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 954, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt active members of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and county emergency management agencies from jury duty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu; The Maritime Group, LLC; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that having emergency personnel available to respond swiftly and effectively to emergency situations is essential for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Therefore, it is important that active members of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and county emergency management agencies are able to properly and effectively serve in their roles. However, under existing law, the ability of active members of emergency management agencies to properly fulfill their duties may be hindered because these members are not exempt from jury duty. Accordingly, this measure creates an exemption for active members of the Hawaii Emergency Management



Agency and county emergency management agencies from jury duty so that these emergency personnel will be free to respond to emergency situations appropriately.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 954, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

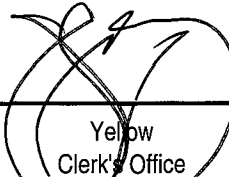
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 954, HD 1	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL	Date: 3/14/17		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.			✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	0
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