

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 433

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1117

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1117 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 of the City and County of Honolulu, County of
Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency, and four individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that due to the critical roles that
physicians, members of the armed forces, police officers,
firefighters, and emergency medical service members play in
ensuring the safety of the public welfare in emergency situations,
these individuals are exempt from jury duty under state law. Your
Committee also finds that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
and county emergency management agencies serve essential,
critical, and unique roles and functions in order to provide
emergency management for the State. However, active members of
emergency management agencies are not exempt from jury duty under
state law. Therefore, this measure ensures that active members of
those agencies face no hindrances in serving in their roles.



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 S.B. No. 1117 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1117	PSM, JDC	2/7/19
<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)
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓
TOTAL	4	0 0 1
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