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The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 2:05 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

by
Calvin C. Ching
Deputy Chief Court Administrator

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1614, Relating to Jurors.

Purpose: Permits psychologists to claim exemption from service as a juror.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary respectfully opposes this measure's proposal to add an exemption from jury service for psychologists.

The selection of a jury from a representative cross-section of the population is critical to our justice system and is an essential component of the constitutional right to an impartial jury. Indeed, over 25 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Taylor v. Louisiana*¹, found that, "Community participation in the administration of the criminal law ... is not only consistent with our democratic heritage but is also critical to public confidence in the fairness of the criminal justice system. Restricting jury service to only special groups or excluding identifiable segments playing major roles in the community cannot be squared with the constitutional concept of jury trial." Allowing psychologists to claim an exemption from jury service jeopardizes this right.

In 1998, Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon convened the Hawai'i Committee on Jury Innovations for the 21st Century consisting of almost 30 judges, administrators, legislators, attorneys, and former jurors. A Sub-Committee on Juror Fees (the Committee) studied, among other things, the issue of juror exemptions pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution no. 107, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1998 and recommended that 612-6, HRS, should be amended by deleting all exemptions except for jurors who have served within the last year.

¹ 419 US 522 (1975).



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In making its recommendation, the Committee found that the majority of the states have two or fewer juror exemptions. And of these states, at least 24 have no exemptions at all. In contrast, Hawai`i currently exempts elected officials; judges of the United States, State, or County; physicians; dentists; members of the armed forces or militia; active members of an emergency medical services agency; persons living more than 70 miles from the court requiring jury services; people who have served as jurors within one year; and adding in 2017, women breastfeeding a child or expressing milk for a period of two years from the birth of the child.

The Committee also found that in 1993, the American Bar Association (ABA) recommended that, "The opportunity for jury service should not be denied or limited on the basis of race, national origin, gender, age, religious belief, income, occupation, or any other factor that discriminates against a cognizable group in the jurisdiction."² To implement this, the ABA recommends that, "All automatic excuses or exemptions from jury service should be eliminated."³

House Bill No. 1614 would add yet another exclusion to Hawai`i's already long list of exemptions. With all due respect, when you are selected to serve on jury panel, you are an important member of the judicial system of the State of Hawaii.

Furthermore, in May 2012, the Judiciary was informed by the State Department of Taxation that we would no longer be able to use lists of taxpayers to create the courts' master list of prospective jurors because Federal laws require Federal tax information to be used solely for tax purposes. The master list has been reduced significantly as a result of this decision.

This proposed exemption combined with other current exemptions would severely impact the Judiciary's ability to maintain an adequate pool of qualified jurors. For example, the Third Circuit sends out more qualification forms per capita than other Circuits because of the "70 mile" exemption currently allowed in the statute. Summoning Kona jurors is especially difficult because the majority of eligible jurors reside on the East (Hilo) side of the island. It is estimated that sixty to seventy percent (60%-70%) of the jurors summoned to Kona might claim the "70 mile" exemption.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

¹ Standards Relating to Juror Use and Management, American Bar Association, Judicial Administration Division, Committee on Jury Standards, 1993, p. 3.

² *Ibid* p. 48

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
TIME: 2:05pm
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1614

The Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA) supports House Bill 1614, which permits psychologists to claim exemption from service as a juror.

The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) is a federal law that prohibiting limitations on access to mental health care that do not exist for medical/surgical coverage.

Physicians in the state of Hawai'i are permitted exemption from jury duty under Section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Currently, practicing psychologists in the state of Hawai'i are not permitted exemption from jury duty.

Compelling practicing psychologists to serve on jury duty makes them inaccessible to both ongoing and new patients, limiting access to mental health care. Imposing limitations on access to mental health care that do not exist for medical care is inconsistent with the intention of the MHPAEA.

HB1614 will establish parity between access to mental health care and access to medical/surgical care, which is in the best interest of the community and according to research, produces cost savings for the health care system.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB1614.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Takishima-Lacasa, PhD, President
Chair, Legislative Action Committee
Hawai'i Psychological Association

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I respectfully ask that you please support HB1614 for the health of all of Hawaii's people.

Thank you,
Tyler Ralston, PsyD, ABPP
Clinical Psychologist in private practice

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While serving on jury duty takes one away from patients, the process of being selected often creates interference in providing service equally as disruptive. As an example, I am one of a very limited number of neuropsychologists on Maui. I work closely with the neurologists who refer their patients for evaluations regarding such things as clarifying if the diagnosis is dementia, the cognitive effects of a stroke, or the residuals to functioning of a head injury. The evaluation typically requires at least two appointments, one of which is very lengthy (at a minimum 3-4 hour). Consequently, unless urgent, the patient appointments are often 6 or more weeks in advance since available time slots are limited. The neurologist is informed of the schedule and schedules his/her follow up with the patient expecting a summary of findings at a time certain after the last appointment. Upon receive the notice of the timeframe to be called for jury duty, I can expect to already have patients scheduled. Not knowing how long a trial may be and anticipating a least a week but knowing it could be much longer, I need to reschedule the patients who already have been waiting for a significant amount of time. This, in turn, means a significant delay until another opening is found for the needed appointments. When the time comes for me to call the jury duty line and I hear that my jury duty has been rescheduled to a new timeframe, I now have another set of appointments to reschedule. This scenario has occurred recently and it was on the third call when I was told I no longer would be needed as a juror. Meanwhile, services have been delayed, and the patients, their concerned family members, and the neurologist have been in limbo.

HB1614 will establish parity between access to health care by psychologists and the medical/surgical/dental care provided by those already allowed exemptions. The access to and availability of providers able to offer needed health care services is in the best interest of the community.

I respectfully ask that you please support HB1614 for the health of all of Hawaii's people.

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State Senator Donovan Dela Cruz eloquently discusses in a recent article (Honolulu Civil Beat, February 4, 2020) that a startling number of youth who are learning disabled, impoverished, or traumatized drop out of public school and become involved in crime and, eventually, the criminal justice system. Allowing psychologists to intervene with these traumatized youth in order to divert them from crime seems a better use of these professionals' training than having them serve on juries after these individuals become part of the system.

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I respectfully ask that you please support HB1614 which will contribute to freeing up the resource of professional time to help prevent some of Hawai'i's youth from needing the services of a jury.

Respectfully,



Roger S. Hamada, Ph.D.

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Thank you,

Dr. Isaiah Moreno
Clinical Psychologist
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HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:01:01 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Janna Madeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Dr. Janna Madeira

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Thank you,

Michelle E. Morrell, Psy.D.

JUDtestimony

From: Kobemommy Bellis <renee.nakama@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:47 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony psychologist Judy duty exemption

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Thank you,

Renee Bellis, PsyD, CSAC

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Compelling practicing psychologists and neuropsychologists to serve on jury duty makes them inaccessible to both ongoing and new patients, limiting access to mental health care. This is particularly crucial in the inpatient setting. Many of us treat patients who are in the hospital and can not wait several weeks or even a few days to be rescheduled. Further limiting mental health care when we already have a shortage of available care contributes to homelessness, crime, reduced productivity, suicide, domestic violence, and diminished physical health.

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Thank you,
Sara Farnham, PhD
Clinical Neuropsychologist

JUDtestimony

From: Mitzi Gold <drmitzigold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:18 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Bill to Exempt Psychologists from Jury Duty...In Support of HB1614

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Thank you,

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Thank you,

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 1:26:12 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzette Tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

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Thank you,

Lesley A. Slavin, Ph.D.
Hawai'i Licensed Psychologist

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Thank you,

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Diane Logan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write to express my strong support for HB1614, which permits psychologists to claim exemption from service as a juror. I work with individuals with substance use disorders and severe mental illness in a rural community on Big Island. As an underserved community, we already do not have adequate services for our most vulnerable community members. The idea of abruptly not being available for a day or a week or more, and off island, and inaccessible by cell phone, would jeopardize the health and safety of many of my patients. Asking someone who is 3 days off methamphetamine to be patient for another week until I can squeeze them back into my schedule is completely unacceptable and at odds with ethical clinical practice.

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Thank you,

Dr. Diane Logan

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June Ching, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

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Lyle Herman, Psy.D.

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Thank you,

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Licensed Clinical Psychologist
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Robin Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Robin E. S. Miyamoto, Psy.D.

Clinical Psychologist

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Thank you,

Terry Ann Fujioka, Ph.D.
Kealakekua, Hawai'i

LATE

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:29:35 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melinda Kohr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Pamela B. Merez, Psy.D.
Hawaii Licensed Psychologist

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Thank you,

Dawn S. Tomita-Otsuka
Licensed Psychologist
86-260 Farrington Hwy
Waianae, HI 96792

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HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:56:35 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shantha McKinlay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Shantha McKinlay

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:58:41 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Uemura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 11:41:56 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine R. Freedle, PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Respected legislators,

As a practicing psychologist the burden of cancelling scheduled appointments to clear my calendar to appear for jury duty impacts my ability to see patients who may have been scheduled weeks or even months prior to my receipt of notice of selection for jury duty. It is often the case that when mental health patients miss appointments they may not reschedule. In addition, it is possible that these individuals may be experiencing acute mental health issues and missed appointments may precipitate a crisis. Untreated mental illness is one of the most significant factors resulting in homelessness, petty crime and overuse of the state's emergency rooms. I support exempting practicing psychologists from having to appear for jury duty. please consider the above information in your deliberation.

Mahalo,

Dr. Lorraine R. Freedle

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:58:29 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard J. Kravetz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1614.

Psychologists who are providing treatment services for patients in need of ongoing or crisis care should be able to claim exemption from jury duty to ensure continuity of care and crisis interventions to those who need it.

Richard J. Kravetz, Ph.D.

Hawaii Licensed Psychologist

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:35:18 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Spira	Pacific Behavioral Health	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of exempting licensed clinical psychologists from jury duty. it is an extreme burden, as well as dangerous, to have to cancel patients with severe mental illness who cannot be easily seen by another provider due to the nature of this type of treatment. In addition, clinical psychologist need to be able to have their cell phones ready for emergencies at all times, and this is not possible when on jury duty. Other doctors have exceptions for this reason, and even dentists, who rarely see patients with life-threatening illnesses, are exempted.

Please support the passage of this bill.

James Spira PhD

President, Pacific Behavioral Health

Honolulu HI

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:09:34 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Hufano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill which would permit practicing psychologists to be exempt from jury duty similar to other health professionals such as doctors and dentists who need to be available to provide ongoing, uninterrupted care for their patients during the course of scheduled treatments as well as when they are in crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Hufano, Ph.D

Hawaii Licenses Psychologist, Psy #364

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:45:07 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Covington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support allowing exempting psychologists and ALL licensed mental health providers, including LMFTs, LMHCs, and LCSWs from jury duty. The reason is simple: we can't easily have someone sit in with our seriously mentally ill patients due to the nature of the treatment, nor can we take a cell phone with us for Jury duty, and therefore we will be out of touch with suicidal patients.

If the bill can be edited to include LMFTs, LMHCs, and LCSWs, that would be a great service to those of us in the behavioral health profession. However, even if it cannot, I support exempting psychologists.

Sincerely,

Janet Covington, LMFT/LMHC

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:15:11 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marie terry-bivens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I am support of HB 1614. As a psychologist on Kaua'i, when I get called for jury duty there is no one else who can see my clients. Mental health care on Kaua'i is very limited. My suicidal and high needs patients have very few other resources in the community when I am unavailable, particularly for possibly long periods of time. I hope you can see that mental health care is as important as physical health care and understand that sometimes these types of crises are immediate and require immediate care.

Thank you,

Marie Terry-Bivens, Psy. D.

Clinical Psychologist

HB-1614

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:46:38 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/5/2020 2:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I appreciate the opportunity to support this Bill (HB1614) requesting psychologists be included in the list of providers exempt from jury duty while also leaving the option for them to serve if it is possible/desired. I think this would be very helpful especially as it is difficult and generally not possible for me to find another psychologist to meet with my scheduled patients (especially those who are experiencing serious mental illnesses), and if I am not able to be contacted by phone, this can be a significant problem for patients who are at risk for suicide.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this testimony and my apologies for submitting after the deadline.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Adair-Leland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:56:49 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawna Ledward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a clincial psychologist in private practice, as many of us are, we are clinically responsible for our patients some of whom are seriously mentally ill and have thoughts of self/other harm or threats of suicide or homicide. Being exempt from jury duty will assist psychologists in being able to provide consistent, uninterrupted care to our patients many of them who have little supports or even resources. For these reasons I am in support of this bill.



Michael A. Kellar, Psy.D.
Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine
Fellow, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
Fellow, Royal Anthropologic Society

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Sean W. Scanlan, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: