STAND. COM. REP. NO. 26

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 16 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 652

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 652 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose 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 Maui Emergency Management Agency, Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and county emergency management agencies serve essential, critical, and unique roles and functions in providing emergency management for the State, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. Active members of these agencies should not face hindrances in the performance of these vital roles.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs respectfully requests that it consider whether inserting a repeal date after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is appropriate.



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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 652 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 652	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN		Date: 2 - 4 - 21		
$\theta$ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: $\checkmark$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\theta$ Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)					
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)					
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda					
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.					
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.			an a		
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7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.					
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9. TAKUMI, Roy M.					
10. TODD, Chris				g an that is a grader	
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
12. WARD, Gene			All the second second		
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted    If joint referral,					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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