

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 56
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 56 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow dentists to claim an
exemption from jury service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Dental Association and numerous concerned
individuals. The Judiciary submitted testimony in opposition and
recommended a delayed effective date.

Jury service is a fundamental obligation of citizenship.
Participation in the justice system promotes public confidence in
the fairness of the Judiciary. Your Committee recognizes,
however, that dentists must be available to serve their patients
who may experience a dental emergency, especially in remote areas
where general dentists perform services that specialists provide
in more populated regions.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by
allowing exemption from jury service to be claimed by actively
practicing dentists who:

- (1) Are endodontists, oral surgeons, or periodontists; or
- (2) Reside on an island with a population under 500,000.



The Judiciary's request to delay the effective date to allow sufficient time for the change in the law because of the timing of the bidding and purchase process for revised juror questionnaire forms may be addressed as this measure proceeds through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 56, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SB 56</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">3/1/07</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; display: inline-block;">Russell S. Kohl</div>				
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