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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JURY DUTY.

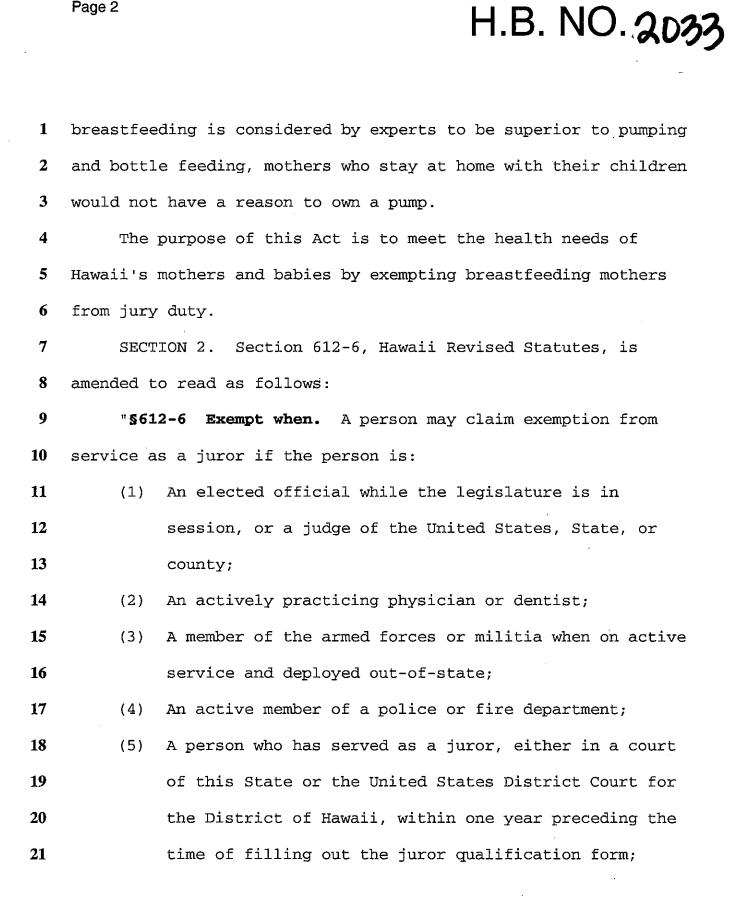
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Only one in five children in Hawaii receives the absolute minimum of six months exclusive breastfeeding, and 2 3 fewer than one in three receives any breast milk at twelve 4 months as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and 5 the World Health Organization to reduce the risk of objesity, diabetes, infectious disease, asthma, allergies, and certain 6 childhood cancers. Women who breastfeed their children benefit 7 with lower rates of breast and ovarian cancer, metabolic 8 9 syndrome, and type two diabetes. Society benefits with lower 10 health insurance costs and higher worker productivity.

11 Mother-child separation presents a serious challenge to 12 continuing breastfeeding. It costs nothing to exempt a 13 breastfeeding woman from jury duty, and this exemption can make 14 a big difference in preserving the breastfeeding relationship. 15 A woman should never have to worry about how she is going to 16 feed her baby while required to sit in a courtroom, or while 17 sequestered. Additionally, not every woman has the necessary pump and supplies to pump milk for her baby. Since direct 18



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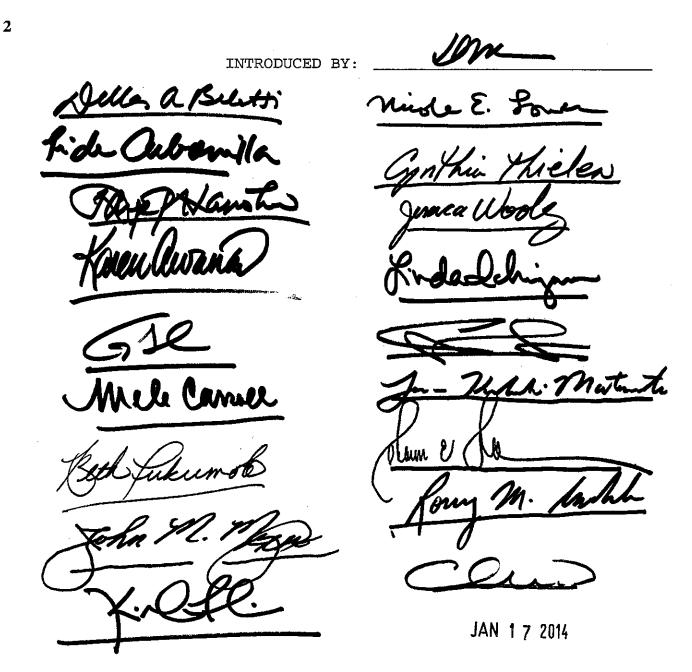
1	(6)	An active member of an emergency medical services
2		agency;
3	(7)	A person living more than seventy miles from the court
4		for which jury service is required; [or]
5	(8)	A person eighty years of age or older [-]; or
6	(9)	A mother who is breastfeeding a child or expressing
7		breast milk; provided that the exemption shall apply
8		for a period of not more than one year from the time
9		the mother began breastfeeding the child, and shall
10		cease to apply when the mother is no longer
11		breastfeeding the child; and provided further that a
12		mother may be exempt under this section for each child
13		that the mother breastfeeds.
14	For purposes of this section, "emergency medical services	
15	agency" means any government agency, private agency, or company	
16	that provides ambulance services, emergency medical services, or	
17	disaster medical services."	
18	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed	
19	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.	



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H.B. NO.2073

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.





H.B. NO. 2093

Report Title:

Breastfeeding; Jury Duty; Exemption

Description:

Exempts breastfeeding mothers from jury duty for up to one year from the time the mother began breastfeeding the child.

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