

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2187
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2187 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Decrease the distance that a person must live from the court to be exempt from jury service from seventy miles to fifty-five miles; and
- (2) Increase the mileage fee paid to jurors and prospective jurors from 33 cents to 45 cents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that this measure proposes to make amendments to jury service laws. The Judiciary raised concerns in its written testimony that decreasing the distance a person must live from a court in order to be exempt from jury service will significantly impact the Third Circuit's ability to obtain an adequate number of potential jurors on the island of Hawaii. If the required distance is lowered, the Judiciary testified that there will be pockets of jurors who may be exempt from jury service in both Hilo and Kona because a person may live more than fifty-five miles from the two circuit court forums.



Your Committee also has questions regarding the method by which mileage fees are paid to jurors and prospective jurors if there are different routes, each with different distances, that jurors and prospective jurors could take to report to the court house for jury service.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an unspecified number of miles a person must live from the court to be exempt from jury service; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2187, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2187, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2187	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 01/29/16							
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313									
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓								
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓								
GABBARD, Mike	✓								
[REDACTED]									
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓								
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓					
SLOM, Sam	✓								
TOTAL	5			1					
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted									
Chair's or Designee's Signature:									
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