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Representatives Tom, Menor and Thielen.
Managers on the part of the House.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20 on H.B. No. 920

The purpose of the bill is to permit persons, upon marriage, wider latitude in choosing a middle and last name.

Your Committee finds that upon marriage many persons wish to take names not presently permitted by statute. At the same time your Committee finds that some limits should be placed on the choice of names, for there is no required publication of the new name in the newspaper, nor is there a requirement that the change of name be recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances.

Your Committee has therefore amended this bill by restricting the name change to any middle or last name legally used at any time, past or present, by either spouse, or any combination of such names, which may, but need not, be separated by a hyphen. Regarding combined names, the word "combination" should not be misconstrued, as it is not your Committee's intention to permit anagrams, but rather combination of names with each letter in a name remaining in its proper order.

Your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 920, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 920, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Senators Levin, Blair, Grauly and Reed.
Managers on the part of the Senate.

Representatives Tom, Hirono and Thielen.
Managers on the part of the House.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21 on H.B. No. 200

The purpose of this bill is to amend Section 612-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to eliminate the requirement that trial jurors be assembled in panels of eighteen. Additionally, this bill amends Sections 612-15, 612-17, 612-18, and 612-26, to eliminate references to jury panels, and to make other technical and non-substantive changes. Lastly, the bill changes the trial jury service year to a calendar year and changes the method of storing trial juror names and qualifications forms.

Your Committee finds that the current law, requiring jury panels of eighteen jurors, serves no useful purpose and adds to the workload of the jury pool staff. Additionally, it wastes jurors' time by requiring courts to order jurors by panels of eighteen rather than ordering the specific number of jurors needed.

Your Committee has made a technical, non-substantive amendment to H.B. No. 200, S.D. 1, by removing a pair of brackets.

Your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 200, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 200, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Senators Levin, Blair, Grauly and Reed.
Managers on the part of the Senate.

Representatives Menor, Amaral, Takamine and Thielen.
Managers on the part of the House.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22 on H.B. No. 1594

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the circumstances under which an agency may disclose, to another government agency, government records that are protected from public disclosure; to clarify that criminal history record information is not exempt from access by the individual to whom it pertains; and to clarify that the exceptions set forth in section 92F-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, apply only to requests under part II of chapter 92F.

Your Committee has agreed to adopt the language in H.B. No. 1594, S.D. 1, with an amendment to clarify that information may be disclosed in certain circumstances to line agency personnel offices. Your Committee has adopted this additional language with the intent that it serve to encompass the State Employees' Retirement System and the Hawaii Public Employee's Health Fund within the term 'employee benefits and assistance programs' to enable the Department of Personnel Services to obtain such employee data for developing employee assistance programs.

Other technical, non-substantive amendments have been made for the purposes of style and clarity.

Your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1594, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1594, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Senators Levin, Blair, Grauly and Koki.
Managers on the part of the Senate.

Representatives Tom, Menor and Thielen.
Managers on the part of the House.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23 on H.B. No. 534