



GOV. MSG. NO. 1141

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

April 23, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2072 HD1

RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS  
**ACT 041 (14)**

*Aloha*  
*Neil Abercrombie*

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Governor, State of Hawaii

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the manner by which  
2 summons are served within this State for civil actions should be  
3 consistent with other provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4           The purpose of this Act is to specify the manner by which  
5 summons are served for civil actions in the nature of assumpsit  
6 within this State.

7           SECTION 2. Chapter 634, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
9 designated and to read as follows:

10           "**§634-    Manner of service within the State; assumpsit.**

11           For civil actions in the nature of assumpsit, when service of  
12           summons is required by law, court rule, or court order, service  
13           on the defendant within the State shall be:

14           (1) By personal delivery by a person authorized to serve  
15           process; or

16           (2) If a reasonable attempt at personal delivery has not  
17           been successful, then by certified, registered, or



1 express mail sent to the addressee only, as ordered by  
2 the court.  
3 Service pursuant to paragraph (1) and proof of personal service  
4 shall be made in the manner prescribed by law, court rule, or  
5 court order. If service is made pursuant to paragraph (2), a  
6 return receipt or other proof of service provided by the postal  
7 service shall be filed showing delivery to the addressee within  
8 the State."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 23 day of APR, 2014



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII