



MISSION AND SELECTED PROGRAMS



Mission

The mission of the Judiciary, as an independent branch of government, is to administer justice in an impartial, efficient, and accessible manner in accordance with the law.

Access to Justice

- *Self-Help Centers, Access to Justice Rooms*
- *Small Claims Online Dispute Resolution*
- *E-reminders*

Specialty Courts

- *Women's Court*
- *Truancy Court, Early Education Intervention Program*
- *Driving While Impaired Court*
- *Community Outreach Court*
- *Veteran's Treatment Court*
- *Mental Health Court*



OPERATING REQUESTS

Overall, 25 requests for approximately \$6.17M in FY26 and \$6.25M in FY27, and 17.0 permanent positions and 1.0 temporary position.

Positions

- ❖ 8 (perm.) for Women's Court
- ❖ 4 (perm.) for a new District Court Judge and Staff in Kona
- ❖ 3 (perm.) for the Office of the Public Guardian
- ❖ 1 (perm.) for a Janitor for the new Wahiawā District Court
- ❖ 1 (perm.) and 1 (temp.) for the Criminal Justice Research Institute

9 of these 18 are to continue current staffing/operations.



OPERATING REQUESTS – cont.

- Specialty Courts
 - Women’s Court | \$705,416 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Truancy Court and Early Education Intervention Program | \$188,388 in FY26, \$183,288 in FY27
 - Driving While Impaired Court | \$232,412 in FY26 and \$237,612 in FY27
- Wahiawā District Court | \$936,057 in FY26, \$1,103,899 in FY27
 - Supplemental Security Costs
 - Janitor
 - IT Tech
 - District Court Clerks (4) and Bailiffs (2)
 - Social Workers (3)
- Additional District Court Judge in Kona and Staff (3) | \$368,943 in FY26, \$360,048 in FY27



OPERATING REQUESTS – cont.

- Cybersecurity | \$458,224 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Four redescribed positions for cybersecurity
 - Additional tools
- Microsoft M365, G5 Licenses | \$1,175,300 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Additional security tools and productivity suite
- Network Switches | \$560,000 in FY26, \$420,000 in FY27
- DAGS Risk Management Cost Increase | \$151,000 in FYs 26 and 27
- Criminal Justice Research Institute | \$583,640 in FY26, \$648,074 in FY27
 - Continue funding pretrial database and reporting system
 - Continue funding perm. and temp. positions



OPERATING REQUESTS – cont.

- Essential Staffing
 - Intermediate Court of Appeals
 - | \$72,372 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Judicial Assistant
 - First Circuit | \$152,800 in FYs 26 and 27
 - District Court Judicial Clerk
 - Two District Court Hybrid Clerks/Bailiffs
 - Second Circuit | \$151,032 in FYs 26 and 27
 - District Court Clerk in Lahaina
 - District Court Clerk in Wailuku
 - Fiscal Account Clerk
 - Third Circuit | \$230,940 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Kona Juvenile Social Worker
 - Kona Judicial Clerk in the Traffic Violations Bureau
 - Hilo Documents Clerk
 - Hilo IT Tech
 - Administration | \$196,440 in FYs 26 and 27
 - Contracts and Purchasing Specialist
 - Office of the Public Guardian - Three Social Services Aides



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS

Priority	Circuit	Request	FY 2026
1	Third Circuit	South Kohala District Court – Design funds for a new courthouse. The current facility carries significant concerns for safety, space, temperature, and noise.	\$4M
2	Fifth Circuit	Pu’uhonua Kaulike – Replace an A/C chiller that is near the end of its lifecycle, while A/C manufacturing hardships result in long lead times.	\$0.9M
3	Administration	Lump Sum CIP (Bond Funds) – Continue long-term improvements, renovations, and upgrades to extend the life of facilities occupied by the Judiciary statewide.	\$5M
		Total	\$9.9M

