
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT PANELS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 602-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§602-55 Panels; substitute judge.** Parties shall be
4 entitled to a hearing before a panel of not less than three
5 intermediate appellate judges. In the event the number of
6 available intermediate appellate judges is insufficient to make
7 up a panel because of vacancy or disqualification, the chief
8 justice of the supreme court may designate circuit judges or
9 retired intermediate appellate judges or retired supreme court
10 justices to temporarily fill such need. [~~The assignment to a~~
11 ~~panel shall rest in the discretion of the chief judge.~~] A judge
12 serving temporarily shall not be actively engaged in the
13 practice of law. Substitute judges shall be compensated per
14 diem at a rate of pay equivalent to that of associate
15 intermediate appellate judges."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken.



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Report Title:

Intermediate Appellate Court; Assignment of Judges

Description:

Removes chief judge's discretion in assignment of judges to intermediate appellate court's three-judge panels.

