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# 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



**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.

