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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, or in the
8 event the number of cases is such that timely disposition may be
9 affected, the chief justice of the supreme court may designate
10 circuit judges or retired intermediate appellate judges or
11 retired supreme court justices to temporarily substitute for
12 appellate judges or to act as additional appellate judges for
13 the time as is necessary to fill [~~such~~] the need. The
14 assignment to a panel shall rest in the discretion of the chief
15 judge. A judge serving temporarily shall not be actively
16 engaged in the practice of law. Substitute judges shall be
17 compensated per diem at a rate of pay equivalent to that of
18 associate intermediate appellate judges."

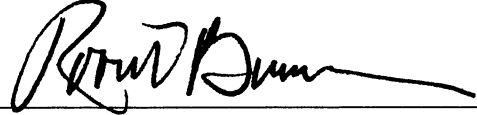


1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



Report Title:

Chief Justice; Circuit Judges; Intermediate Court of Appeal
Service

Description:

Expand the Chief Justice's authority to assign circuit judges to
service on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

