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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO POST ON THE INTERNET FINANCIAL  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

1           WHEREAS, the Commission on Judicial Conduct was established  
2 by the Supreme Court of Hawaii to investigate allegations of  
3 judicial misconduct and disability, and has jurisdiction over  
4 all justices and judges of the State; and

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6           WHEREAS, all justices and judges are required to abide by  
7 the Code of Judicial Conduct and must conduct their  
8 extra-judicial activities so as to minimize the risk of conflict  
9 with their judicial obligations; and

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11           WHEREAS, under Canon 4, Revised Code of Judicial Conduct,  
12 all justices and judges must disclose their income, debts,  
13 investments, and other assets, and must file a financial  
14 disclosure statement with the Commission on Judicial Conduct;  
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17           WHEREAS, the financial disclosure statements of justices  
18 and judges are public records that may be reviewed by persons  
19 who travel to the State Judiciary building in downtown Honolulu  
20 and reveal their identity to judiciary officials; and

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22           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Ethics Commission currently posts  
23 on its internet website the financial disclosure statements of  
24 all legislators, elected state officials, and appointed state  
25 officials, which gives the public easy access to statements via  
26 the Internet without having to identify themselves; and

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28           WHEREAS, the Judiciary has the authority and responsibility  
29 to protect the privacy rights and interests of justices and  
30 judges by redaction of personal information from their financial  
31 disclosure statements; now, therefore,

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33           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Judiciary is  
 2 requested to post on the Internet all financial disclosure  
 3 statements of justices and judges with all personal information  
 4 redacted; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the  
 8 Supreme Court of Hawaii, the Administrative Director of the  
 9 Judiciary, and the Chair of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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