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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INVOLVE THE
COMMUNITY IN EVALUATING JUDICIAL SERVICES, AND ENCOURAGING
THE JUDICIARY TO INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL METHODS TO INVOLVE
THE COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING ITS PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 40, Regular Session of 2004,
2 authorized the Senate Committee on Human Services to convene
3 interim hearings on the Hawaii Family Court; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Human Services explored
6 issues related to making Hawaii's courts more user-friendly; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Judiciary has a mechanism for the public to
9 report complaints on judicial services; and
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11 WHEREAS, additional processes are needed to encourage
12 community involvement in developing and implementing judicial
13 programs and services; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Chief Justice encourages community involvement
16 in evaluating the provision of judicial services; and
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18 WHEREAS, a proactive procedure to solicit and use public
19 input regarding court processes, including suggested
20 improvements, would reduce consumer complaints; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
25 supports the Chief Justice's continuing efforts to involve the
26 community in evaluating judicial services; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Justice is requested
29 to develop and implement collaborative procedures to involve the
30 public in developing and implementing the Judiciary's programs
31 and services; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED such collaborations may include creating a web-based electronic bulletin board with up-to-date information about court services and annual surveys designed to solicit feedback about existing court programs and services and proposed improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Justice is requested to collaborate with representatives from all interested stakeholder groups to evaluate and implement options to increase community involvement in improving court services and processes, and to report the results of this collaboration to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice, the Chair of the Senate and House Human Services Committees, and the President of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

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