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SENATE 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;
15 and

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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,
35 that the Judiciary is requested to post on the Internet all



1 financial disclosure statements of justices and judges with all
2 personal information redacted; and

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

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