

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2004

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 15, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 992

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 992 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish requirements for per diem judges, including for their nomination, discipline, minimum days of service, and reappointment.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Office of the Public Defender and an individual. The Judiciary submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that there is some concern over the quality of per diem judges, as well as their selection and retention.

Your Committee amended this measure to:

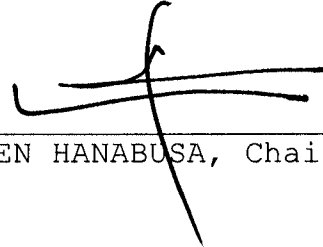
- (1) Delete the requirement that per diem district judges serve a minimum of three days per month, to address a concern by the Judiciary; and
- (2) Provide that per diem district judges shall serve no more than three consecutive terms unless, based upon the discretion of the chief justice, the per diem district judge is recommended for additional consecutive terms



and the recommendation is submitted to the judicial selection commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 992, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 992, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



