
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING A FIFTH JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND
CIRCUIT AND HOLDING SESSIONS ON MOLOKAI UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 WHEREAS, the second judicial circuit includes the islands
2 of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai; and
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4 WHEREAS, sessions of the Circuit Court of the second
5 circuit are held at Wailuku, on Maui;
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7 WHEREAS, the island of Molokai has a population of
8 approximately eight thousand residents; and
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10 WHEREAS, residents of Molokai must travel to the island of
11 Maui to participate in court proceedings to which they are a
12 party; and
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14 WHEREAS, travelling to Maui for court proceedings presents
15 a hardship and a financial burden for many residents of Molokai;
16 now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2008, that the Judiciary is requested to report on
21 the feasibility of creating a position for a fifth judge of the
22 Circuit Court of the second circuit and providing for sessions
23 to be held at Kaunakakai on Molokai where one or more parties to
24 a proceeding is a resident of Molokai who requests that
25 proceedings be held on Molokai; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary is requested to
28 work with the Molokai Police Department, the County of Maui
29 Prosecuting Attorney's Office, State Public Defender's Office,
30 Sheriff's Office, and private attorneys when conducting the
31 feasibility study of creating a position for a fifth judge who
32 shall hold sessions on Molokai; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary is requested to
2 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2009; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii
9 Supreme Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts.