

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2156
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to appoint a judge or justice as the Administrative Director of the Courts for a maximum two-year term.

In addition, this measure also clarifies that a judge or justice serving as the Administrative Director of the Courts will retain the same salary and benefits that the judge or justice received prior to the appointment.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that judges and justices acquire extensive knowledge and understanding of the Judiciary's operations while serving on the bench. Your Committee also finds that in some cases, a judge or justice may be better prepared to fulfill the duties of the Administrative Director of the Courts than a person who is unfamiliar with the Judiciary. Your Committee believes that the Chief Justice should have the discretion to appoint a qualified judge or justice to be the



Administrative Director of the Courts without that judge or justice having to lose any salary or related benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2099, to facilitate further discussion on this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 2.

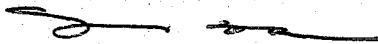
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2156 SD1	JGO, WAM	2.23.10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	9	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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