



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Friday, February 10, 2016, 8:59 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

By

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 431, Relating to Judges.

Purpose: Senate Bill No. 431 proposes to prohibit public disclosure of government records relating to certain personal information of full-time state court justices and judges and their families.

Judiciary's Position:

In view of the passage of Act 140 last session, the Judiciary respectfully asks that Senate Bill No. 431, Relating to Judges not be advanced.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 431
Relating to Judges

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would prohibit public disclosure of government records relating to certain personal information about state court justices and judges and their families. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) supports the Judiciary’s request that this bill not be advanced as legislation was passed in 2015.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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SB 431 RELATING TO JUDGES

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii requests amendment of SB 431 which prohibits public disclosure of government records relating to certain personal information of full-time state court justices and judges and their families.

We request amendment of SB 431 to retain the public's UIPA right, upon request, to be informed of the year and month when any specific judge will exceed the mandatory retirement age of 70 set by the Hawaii State Constitution.

We have no other concerns with SB 431. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.