

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 429

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 276
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 276 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the composition of judges of the Intermediate Appellate Court, circuit courts, district courts, and family courts; and
- (2) Make housekeeping amendments to the laws relating to the composition of judges of the Intermediate Appellate Court, circuit courts, district courts, and family courts.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary, Hawaii State Bar Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure updates the language of the laws relating to the composition of judges of the Intermediate Appellate Court, circuit courts, district courts, and family courts. Your Committee notes the concerns regarding how changing the composition of judges in the various courts will impact court operations and budgetary needs. Your Committee further notes that S.B. No. 469, Regular Session of 2017, as amended, creates and requests potential funding for one district



court judge position for the second circuit and that the creation of this potential position would require an amendment to section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the number of judges of the Intermediate Appellate Court, circuit courts, district courts, and family courts;
- (2) Increasing the number of judges of the district court of the second circuit from three to four judges; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 276, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

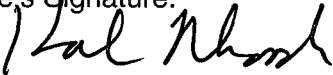
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-ARGAN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 276	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 2/8/17		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes