



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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By

Judge Greg K. Nakamura

Chief Judge, Third Circuit

Resolution No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 & House Resolution No. 66, Community Outreach Courts in Puna and Ka'ū; Feasibility Study

Purpose: Requesting the Judiciary to Study the Feasibility of Opening Community Outreach Courts in Puna and Ka'ū

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports these resolutions. We think that community outreach courts would help in these "rural communities" that have significant social issues. One caveat is that we would need more resources in order to implement the community outreach courts, which we will be able to assess as part of the feasibility study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.