



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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Aloha, all.

As a working court interpreter, I see the congestion in our courts on a regular basis. Having traveled on the Big Island to both Puna and Kau, I have also seen the distances that are involved.

Anything reasonable that can be done to get minor cases moving through the system more efficiently, and resolved in a more humane and appropriate manner, sounds good to me.

This Resolution looks like a good idea. I hope this Committee will see fit to pass it.

Thank you.

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