

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

976

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 187
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 187, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the number of district court judges in the State.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Adds a fifteenth district court judge to the First Circuit;
- (2) Adds a fourth district court judge to the Second Circuit; and
- (3) Appropriates \$170,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$330,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for each of the aforementioned additional judgeships.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and Maui County Bar Association.



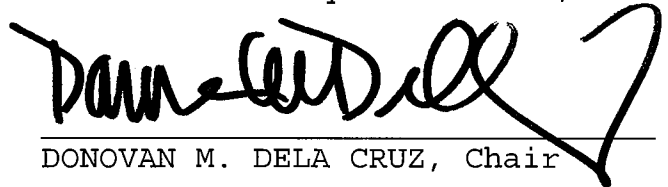
Your Committee finds that due to congestion of court cases in the District Courts of the First and Second Circuits, there have been significant delays in the resolution of cases, as well as a reduction in the amount of time available to judges to consider matters before them. Your Committee believes that this measure will help reduce this congestion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to \$96,636 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$193,272 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for each of the additional judgeships;
- (2) Clarifying that each appropriation is for one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) judgeship; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 187, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 187, S.D. 2.

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

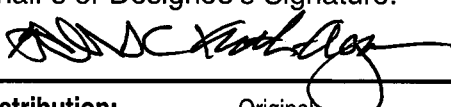


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB187, SD1	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 2/21/19		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	9			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes