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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:  
3           " [†] (b) [†] There shall be appointed one or more district  
4 judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the  
5 first circuit shall consist of [~~fourteen~~] fifteen judges, who  
6 shall be styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,  
7 seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth,  
8 [~~and~~] fourteenth, and fifteenth judge, respectively. One of the  
9 district judges shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims  
10 matters, provided that when in the discretion of the chief  
11 justice of the supreme court the urgency or volume of cases so  
12 requires, the chief justice may authorize the judge to  
13 substitute for or act in addition to or otherwise in place of  
14 any other district judge of the district court of the first  
15 circuit. The district court of the second circuit shall consist  
16 of [~~three~~] four judges, who shall be styled as first, second,  
17 [~~and~~] third, and fourth judge, respectively. The district court



1 of the third circuit shall consist of three judges, who shall be  
2 styled as first, second, and third judge, respectively. The  
3 district court of the fifth circuit shall consist of two judges  
4 who shall be styled as first and second judge, respectively.  
5 The chief justice may designate a judge in each circuit as the  
6 administrative judge for the circuit."

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$170,000 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
10 sum of \$330,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
11 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the establishment of a fifteenth  
12 judgeship in the district court of the first circuit.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary  
14 for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$170,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
18 sum of \$330,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
19 fiscal year 2020-2021 for the establishment of a fourth  
20 judgeship in the district court of the second circuit.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary  
2 for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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# S.B. NO. 187 S.D. 1

**Report Title:**

Judiciary Package; District Court Judges; First Circuit; Second Circuit; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit and in the Second Circuit. Makes an appropriation.  
(SD1)

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