

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

257

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2019

RE: S.B. No. 187  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 187 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 establish one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit and in the Second Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui, Maui County Bar Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is significant congestion in the District Courts of the First and Second Circuits. Your Committee further finds that it has been thirty-seven years since a Second Circuit District Court judgeship has been established and that, in that time, the number of people living within the area served by the Second Circuit has more than doubled. Your Committee additionally finds that congestion in a court causes significant delays in cases and reduces the attention that a judge can give to the matters before the court. This measure will reduce the congestion by establishing additional district court judgeships in the First Circuit and the Second Circuit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Making an appropriation of \$170,000 in fiscal year 2019-2020, and \$330,000 in fiscal year 2020-2021, for each of the new district court judgeships; and
- (2) 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 187, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 187, 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,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 187</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/19</b>		
<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 checked="" 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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