A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 601-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§601-4 Judicial council. The supreme court shall provide
- 4 for the appointment of a judicial council which shall serve in
- 5 an advisory capacity only. The judicial council shall give
- 6 continuing consideration to the administration of justice in the
- 7 courts of the State. It shall make reports and recommendations
- 8 biennially to the supreme court and also whenever deemed
- 9 advisable by the court. The meetings of the judicial council
- 10 shall be open to the public as provided in section 92-3. The
- 11 chief justice shall be a member and chairperson of the judicial
- 12 council. The supreme court shall appoint, from time to time,
- 13 such number of other members as it deems necessary to be fairly
- 14 representative, but not to exceed fifteen, whose terms shall be
- 15 in accordance with the rules of the supreme court. The members
- 16 of the judicial council shall include laypersons as well as
- 17 judges and lawyers. The members of the judicial council shall



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- 1 receive no compensation for their service but they shall be
- 2 reimbursed for their traveling and other expenses incidental to
- 3 attending meetings."
- 4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Judicial Council; Open Meetings

Description:

Requires meetings of the judicial council to be open to the public.

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