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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

1                                   **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2           SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the  
3 Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2025.

4           SECTION 2. Unless otherwise clear from the context, as  
5 used in this Act:

6           "Means of Financing," or "MOF," means the source from which  
7 funds are appropriated, or authorized, as the case may be, to be  
8 expended for the programs and projects specified in this Act.

9 All appropriations are followed by letter symbols. The letter  
10 symbols, where used, shall have the following meanings:

- 11           A     General funds
- 12           B     Special funds
- 13           C     General obligation bond funds
- 14           N     Federal funds
- 15           W     Revolving funds

16           "Position ceiling" means the maximum number of permanent or  
17 temporary positions authorized for a particular program during a



1 specified period or periods, as noted by an asterisk or pound  
2 sign, respectively.

3 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific  
4 program, and consists of the abbreviation for the judiciary  
5 (JUD) followed by a designated number for the program.

6 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

7 SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may  
8 be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and programs designated  
9 herein, are appropriated or authorized from the sources of  
10 funding specified to the judiciary for the fiscal biennium  
11 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The total  
12 expenditures and the number of permanent and temporary positions  
13 established in each fiscal year of the fiscal biennium shall not  
14 exceed the sums and the position ceilings indicated for each  
15 year, except as provided in this Act.



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	M O F
1		THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM					
2							
3	1.	JUD101 - COURTS OF APPEAL					
4				85.00 *		85.00 *	
5				0.48 #		0.48 #	
6		OPERATING	JUD	9,592,659 A		9,657,093 A	
7							
8	2.	JUD310 - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
9				1,115.50 *		1,115.50 *	
10				57.58 #		57.58 #	
11		OPERATING	JUD	98,130,866 A		98,298,808 A	
12				35.00 *		35.00 *	
13			JUD	4,261,273 B		4,261,273 B	
14							
15	3.	JUD320 - SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
16				210.50 *		210.50 *	
17				1.68 #		1.68 #	
18		OPERATING	JUD	20,150,130 A		20,150,130 A	
19							
20	4.	JUD330 - THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
21				246.00 *		246.00 *	
22				5.20 #		5.20 #	
23		OPERATING	JUD	24,912,104 A		24,903,209 A	
24							
25	5.	JUD350 - FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
26				103.00 *		103.00 *	
27				2.60 #		2.60 #	
28		OPERATING	JUD	9,225,420 A		9,225,420 A	
29							
30	6.	JUD501 - JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION					
31				1.00 *		1.00 *	
32		OPERATING	JUD	114,074 A		114,074 A	
33							
34	7.	JUD601 - ADMINISTRATION					
35				234.50 *		234.50 *	
36				8.48 #		8.48 #	
37		OPERATING	JUD	36,657,483 A		36,506,593 A	
38				1.00 *		1.00 *	
39				9.00 #		9.00 #	
40			JUD	8,241,219 B		8,241,219 B	
41			JUD	343,261 W		343,261 W	
42		INVESTMENT CAPITAL	JUD	12,900,000 C			C



**1 PART III. PROGRAM PROVISIONS**

**2** SECTION 4. Provided that of the general fund appropriation  
**3** for administration (JUD601), the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
**4** thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
**5** same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
**6** 2026-2027 shall be expended for civil legal services.

**7** SECTION 5. Provided that of the general fund appropriation  
**8** for administration (JUD601), the sum of \$750,000 or so much  
**9** thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
**10** same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
**11** 2026-2027 shall be expended on legal services for individuals in  
**12** immigration-related proceedings in immigration court.

**13** SECTION 6. Provided that whenever the need arises, the  
**14** chief justice, in administering an equitable and expeditious  
**15** judicial process, may transfer sufficient funds and positions  
**16** between programs for operating purposes; provided further that  
**17** no transfer shall be made to implement any collective bargaining  
**18** contract signed after this legislature adjourns sine die.

**19** SECTION 7. Provided that if the chief justice, or any  
**20** agency or government unit, secures federal funds or other  
**21** property under any act of Congress, or any funds or other



1 property from private organizations or individuals, to be  
2 expended in connection with any program or works authorized by  
3 this Act or otherwise, the chief justice, or the agency or  
4 government unit with the chief justice's approval, may enter  
5 into the undertaking with the federal government, private  
6 organization, or individual.

7 SECTION 8. Provided that the judiciary may transfer  
8 savings from its general fund appropriation to the driver  
9 education and training fund to accommodate any temporary cash  
10 flow deficits.



1                               **PART IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

2           SECTION 9. The sum of \$12,900,000 appropriated or  
3 authorized in part II of this Act for capital improvement  
4 projects shall be expended by the judiciary for the projects  
5 listed below; provided that several related or similar projects  
6 may be combined into a single project, if a combination is  
7 advantageous or convenient for implementation; provided further  
8 that the total cost of the projects thus combined shall not  
9 exceed the total of the sums specified for the projects  
10 separately. The amount after each cost element and the total  
11 funding for each project listed in this part are in thousands of  
12 dollars.



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

ITEM NO.	CAPITAL PROJECT NO.	TITLE	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS (IN 000'S)			
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	M O F
1	JUD601 - ADMINISTRATION						
2							
3	1.	KAUAI JUDICIARY COMPLEX CHILLER					
4		REPLACEMENT, KAUAI					
5							
6		PLANS, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT					
7		FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A KAUAI JUDICIARY					
8		COMPLEX CHILLER UNIT.					
9		TOTAL FUNDING		900 C			C
10							
11	2.	LUMP SUM CIP FOR JUDICIARY					
12		FACILITIES, STATEWIDE					
13							
14		PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND					
15		EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL ALTERATIONS,					
16		UPGRADES, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO JUDICIARY					
17		FACILITIES, STATEWIDE.					
18		TOTAL FUNDING		8,000 C			C
19							
20	3.	SOUTH KOHALA DISTRICT COURTHOUSE,					
21		HAWAII					
22							
23		PLANS AND DESIGN FOR A NEW SOUTH					
24		KOHALA DISTRICT COURTHOUSE.					
25		TOTAL FUNDING		4,000 C			C



**PART V. ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

SECTION 10. General obligation bonds may be issued, as provided by law, to yield the amount that may be necessary to finance projects authorized in part II and listed in part IV of this Act; provided that the sum total of the general obligation bonds so issued shall not exceed \$12,900,000.

**PART VI. SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 11. Any law or any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for capital improvement projects authorized in part II and listed in part IV of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made; provided that all appropriations made for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

SECTION 12. The judiciary may delegate to other state or county agencies the planning, acquisition of land, design, construction, and equipment of any capital improvement project when it is determined by the judiciary to be advantageous to do so.





1 SECTION 13. All unrequired balances in the general  
2 obligation bond fund, after the objectives of part II  
3 appropriations for capital improvements program purposes listed  
4 as projects in part IV of this Act have been met, shall be  
5 transferred to the judiciary project adjustment fund.

6 SECTION 14. If the amount allocated from the general  
7 obligation bond fund for a capital improvement project listed in  
8 part IV of this Act is insufficient, the chief justice may make  
9 supplemental allotments from the judiciary project adjustment  
10 fund; provided that supplemental allotments shall not be used to  
11 increase the scope of the project.

12 SECTION 15. Where it has been determined that changed  
13 conditions, such as a reduction in the particular population  
14 being served, permit the reduction in the scope of a project  
15 listed in part IV of this Act, the chief justice may authorize  
16 such reduction of project scope.

17 SECTION 16. The chief justice shall determine when and the  
18 manner in which the authorized capital improvement projects  
19 shall be initiated. The chief justice shall notify the governor  
20 from time to time of the specific amounts required for the



1 projects, and the governor shall provide for those amounts  
2 through the issuance of bonds authorized in part V of this Act.

3 SECTION 17. Any law or any provision of this Act to the  
4 contrary notwithstanding, the chief justice may supplement funds  
5 for any cost element for a capital improvement project  
6 authorized under this Act by transferring sums as may be needed  
7 from the funds appropriated for other cost elements of the same  
8 project by this Act or by any other prior or future Act that has  
9 not lapsed; provided that the total expenditure of funds for all  
10 cost elements for the project shall not exceed the total  
11 appropriation for that project.

12 **PART VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 SECTION 18. If any portion of this Act or its application  
14 to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid for any  
15 reason, the remainder of this Act and any provision thereof  
16 shall not be affected. If any portion of a specific  
17 appropriation is held to be invalid for any reason, the  
18 remaining portion shall be independent of the invalid portion  
19 and shall be expended to fulfill the objective and intent of the  
20 appropriation to the extent possible.



1 SECTION 19. If any manifest clerical, typographical, or  
2 other mechanical error is found in this Act, the chief justice  
3 may correct the error. All changes made pursuant to this  
4 section shall be reported to the legislature at its next regular  
5 session.

6 SECTION 20. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Judiciary Package; Appropriations; Budget

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025, and ending 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/2050.  
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