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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
2	(1)	Appropriate funds for the operation of the judicial
3		selection commission for fiscal year 2008-2009; and
4	(2)	Amend certain statutory provisions to facilitate the
5		judicial selection commission's independent status as
6		prescribed by article VI, section 4 of the state
7		constitution.
8	SECTION 2. Section 26-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
9	amended to read as follows:	
10	"[+] \$26-25[+] Services to the judiciary [and], the	
11	judicial selection commission, and the legislature. Any	
12	executive	department may provide services to the judiciary
13	$[rac{and}{d}]$, the judicial selection commission, and the legislature $[au]$	
14	<pre>but]; provided that nothing in this [part and this] chapter</pre>	
15	shall be	construed as granting any authority to the governor or
16	any depar	tment to exercise control over the organization,
17	programs,	functions, operations, and expenditures of the

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    judiciary [and], the judicial selection commission, or the
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    legislature."
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         SECTION 3. Section 40-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
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         "(c) With respect to the judiciary [and], the judicial
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    selection commission, and the legislature, the comptroller shall
    make available to the judiciary [and], the judicial selection
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    commission, and the legislature the total amount appropriated to
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    each, except that the judiciary [and], the judicial selection
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    commission, and the legislature may request the comptroller's
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    services in maintaining custody of the amount appropriated to
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    each and in making payments therefrom. When such services are
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    requested, the comptroller shall make all disbursements
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    requested by the judiciary [or], the judicial selection
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    commission, or the legislature[, but]; provided that the
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    comptroller shall not make any disbursement for which no
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    appropriation has been made or [which] that would cause a
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    specific appropriation to be exceeded."
         SECTION 4. Section 40-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "$40-51 Money drawn only on warrants. Excepting moneys
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    paid for the redemption of bonds of the state debt, and the
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    interest coupons of the same, and for interest on overdue
    warrants, and drafts against special deposits and for the
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    expenses of the legislature [and], the judiciary, and the
    judicial selection commission, and payment authorized by the
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    comptroller by means of electronic funds transfers and through
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    automated clearinghouses for the purposes of implementing an
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    electronic benefits transfer system for the department of human
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    services, no money shall be drawn from or out of the treasury
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    except upon warrants, substantially in the form of section 40-
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    52, issued from the comptroller's office; provided that upon
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    request, the comptroller shall provide financial services
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    involving the issuance of warrants on behalf of the legislature
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    [and], the judiciary [-], and the judicial selection commission.
    Every warrant shall be signed by the comptroller or the
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    comptroller's deputy or by means of any mechanical check signer
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    that may be adopted by the comptroller, and shall be made
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    payable upon such date as may be approved by the director of
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    finance to the order of the person to whom the State is directly
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    indebted."
         SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
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revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so

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- 1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
- 2 carry out the operations of the judicial selection commission.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judicial
- 4 selection commission for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

By Request

Report Title:

Appropriation; Judicial Selection Commission

Description:

Amends certain statutory provisions to facilitate the judicial selection commission's independent status. Appropriates funds.