A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the amount of people
- 2 coming to court has increased over the years. Many individuals
- 3 represent themselves in family court and small claims court
- 4 rather than hire an attorney. The legislature also finds that
- 5 individuals representing themselves often do not know where to
- 6 go, how to fill out forms, or how to comply with court
- 7 procedures.
- 8 The legislature further finds that the judiciary has
- 9 implemented Ho'okele (Hawaiian for "to guide",) legal self-help
- 10 service centers in some courts around the State. Ho'okele
- 11 refers and directs parties to the appropriate judiciary
- 12 programs, and provides parties with referrals, addresses, and
- 13 telephone numbers of outside agencies who may better assist
- 14 them. Ho'okele provides easier access to the courts, while
- 15 cutting down on the significant amount of time that court staff
- 16 now spends explaining procedures and policies.

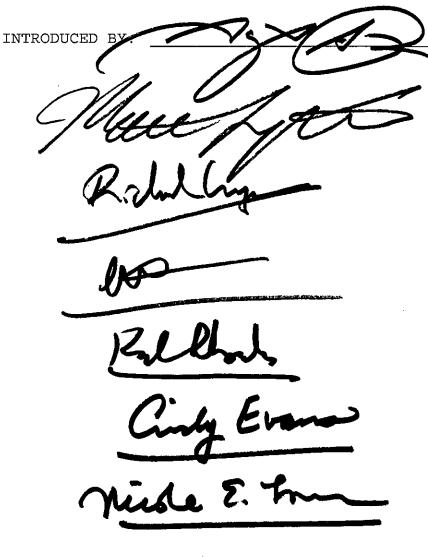
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- 1 The purpose of this Act is appropriate moneys to implement
- 2 Ho'okele legal self-help service centers in Hilo and Kona on the
- 3 island of Hawaii.
- 4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$88,994 or so much
- 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 to fund
- 7 the equipment, supplies, and salaries of one full-time judicial
- 8 clerk III position (1.0 FTE) in Hilo and one full-time court
- 9 documents clerk III position (1.0 FTE) in Kona to implement
- 10 Ho'okele legal self-help service centers.
- 11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$74,784 or so much
- 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
- 14 the salaries of one full-time judicial clerk III position (1.0
- 15 FTE) in Hilo and one full-time court documents clerk III
- 16 position (1.0 FTE) in Kona to implement Ho'okele legal self-help
- 17 service centers.
- 18 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- 19 judiciary for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. The Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Judiciary; Third Circuit; Ho'okele; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates moneys for equipment, supplies, and salaries for Ho'okele legal self-help service centers in Hilo and Kona.

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