

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2311

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2117

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2117 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 District Court of the Second Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and Maui County Bar Association.

Your Committee finds that an additional Second Circuit District Court judgeship has not been established since 1982 and that, in such time, the number of people living within the area served by the Second Circuit has more than doubled. This has resulted in significant court congestion as well as an inability to adequately provide court services, including mental health and domestic and community violence issues, throughout the three islands served by the Second Circuit. The judgeship shortage has led to significant delays in cases and reduced the attention that the existing judges can give to the matters before the court. Your Committee believes that by providing an additional judgeship, this measure will increase the efficiency and availability of court services in the Second Circuit.



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. 2117 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,


Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2117	Committee Referral: JDC, WAM	Date: 01/28/2020		
<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 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)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes