
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;
11 provided that deliberations for the selection of nominees for
12 the campaign spending commission pursuant to section 11-311 and
13 state ethics commission pursuant to section 84-21 shall be
14 closed to the public. The chief justice shall be a member and
15 chairperson of the judicial council. The supreme court shall
16 appoint, from time to time, [~~such~~] a number of other members as
17 it deems necessary to be fairly representative, but not to



1 exceed fifteen, whose terms shall be in accordance with the
2 rules of the supreme court. The members of the judicial council
3 shall include laypersons as well as judges and lawyers. The
4 members of the judicial council shall receive no compensation
5 for their service but they shall be reimbursed for their
6 traveling and other expenses incidental to attending meetings."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Judicial Council; Open Meetings

Description:

Requires meetings of the judicial council to be open to the public, except for deliberations for the selection of nominees for the campaign spending commission and state ethics commission. (HD1)

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