

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1334

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 26, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 26, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 401, H.D. 1,
S.D. 2, C.D. 1

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.
ACT 232

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 26 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 232
H.B. NO. 401
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 604-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "[+] (b) [+] There shall be appointed one or more district
4 judges for each judicial circuit. The district court of the
5 first circuit shall consist of fourteen judges, who shall be
6 styled as first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
7 eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and
8 fourteenth judge, respectively. One of the district judges
9 shall hear landlord-tenant and small claims matters[~~7~~]; provided
10 that when in the discretion of the chief justice of the supreme
11 court the urgency or volume of cases so requires, the chief
12 justice may authorize the judge to substitute for or act in
13 addition to or otherwise in place of any other district judge of
14 the district court of the first circuit. The district court of
15 the second circuit shall consist of three judges, who shall be
16 styled as first, second, and third judge, respectively. The
17 district court of the third circuit shall consist of [~~three~~]



1 four judges, who shall be styled as first, second, [~~and~~] third,
2 and fourth judge, respectively. The district court of the fifth
3 circuit shall consist of two judges who shall be styled as first
4 and second judge, respectively. The chief justice may designate
5 a judge in each circuit as the administrative judge for the
6 circuit."

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.



H.B. NO. 401
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 26th day of June , 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 401, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives

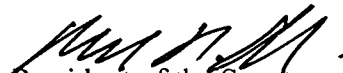



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate