
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2025.

SECTION 2. Unless otherwise clear from the context, as used in this Act:

"Means of Financing," or "MOF," means the source from which funds are appropriated, or authorized, as the case may be, to be expended for the programs and projects specified in this Act.

All appropriations are followed by letter symbols. The letter symbols, where used, shall have the following meanings:

A General funds

B Special funds

C General obligation bond funds

N Federal funds

W Revolving funds

"Position ceiling" means the maximum number of permanent or temporary positions authorized for a particular program during a



1 specified period or periods, as noted by an asterisk or pound
2 sign, respectively.

3 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific
4 program, and consists of the abbreviation for the judiciary
5 (JUD) followed by a designated number for the program.

6 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

7 SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may
8 be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and programs designated
9 herein, are appropriated or authorized from the sources of
10 funding specified to the judiciary for the fiscal biennium
11 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The total
12 expenditures and the number of permanent and temporary positions
13 established in each fiscal year of the fiscal biennium shall not
14 exceed the sums and the position ceilings indicated for each
15 year, except as provided in this Act.



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

				APPROPRIATIONS			
ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	M O F
THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM							
1. JUD101 - COURTS OF APPEAL				85.00 *		85.00 *	
				0.48 #		0.48 #	
	OPERATING		JUD	9,592,659 A		9,657,093 A	
2. JUD310 - FIRST CIRCUIT				1,115.50 *		1,115.50 *	
				57.58 #		57.58 #	
	OPERATING		JUD	98,130,866 A		98,298,808 A	
				35.00 *		35.00 *	
			JUD	4,261,273 B		4,261,273 B	
3. JUD320 - SECOND CIRCUIT				210.50 *		210.50 *	
				1.68 #		1.68 #	
	OPERATING		JUD	20,150,130 A		20,150,130 A	
4. JUD330 - THIRD CIRCUIT				246.00 *		246.00 *	
				5.20 #		5.20 #	
	OPERATING		JUD	24,912,104 A		24,903,209 A	
5. JUD350 - FIFTH CIRCUIT				103.00 *		103.00 *	
				2.60 #		2.60 #	
	OPERATING		JUD	9,225,420 A		9,225,420 A	



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	M O F
1	6.	JUD501 - JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION					
2				1.00 *		1.00 *	
3	OPERATING		JUD	114,074 A		114,074 A	
4							
5	7.	JUD601 - ADMINISTRATION					
6				234.50 *		234.50 *	
7				8.48 #		8.48 #	
8	OPERATING		JUD	42,193,756 A		42,042,866 A	
9				1.00 *		1.00 *	
10				9.00 #		9.00 #	
11			JUD	8,241,219 B		8,241,219 B	
12			JUD	343,261 W		343,261 W	
13	INVESTMENT CAPITAL		JUD	11,900,000 C		0 C	
14							



PART III. PROGRAM PROVISIONS

SECTION 4. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for administration (JUD601), the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 shall be expended to increase the amount of moneys available for civil legal services.

SECTION 5. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for administration (JUD601), the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 shall be expended for the judiciary to determine how to expunge one defendant in a case that involves more than one defendant, or one offense in a case that involves multiple offenses; provided further that the judiciary shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than forty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

SECTION 6. Provided that whenever the need arises, the chief justice, in administering an equitable and expeditious judicial process, may transfer sufficient funds and positions between programs for operating purposes; provided further that



1 no transfer shall be made to implement any collective bargaining
2 contract signed after this legislature adjourns sine die.

3 SECTION 7. Provided that if the chief justice, or any
4 agency or government unit, secures federal funds or other
5 property under any act of Congress, or any funds or other
6 property from private organizations or individuals, to be
7 expended in connection with any program or works authorized by
8 this Act or otherwise, the chief justice, or the agency or
9 government unit with the chief justice's approval, may enter
10 into the undertaking with the federal government, private
11 organization, or individual.

12 SECTION 8. Provided that the judiciary may transfer
13 savings from its general fund appropriation to the driver
14 education and training fund to accommodate any temporary cash
15 flow deficits.

16 PART IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

17 SECTION 9. The sum of \$11,900,000 appropriated or
18 authorized in part II of this Act for capital improvement
19 projects shall be expended by the judiciary for the projects
20 listed below; provided that several related or similar projects
21 may be combined into a single project, if a combination is



1 advantageous or convenient for implementation; provided further
2 that the total cost of the projects thus combined shall not
3 exceed the total of the sums specified for the projects
4 separately. The amount after each cost element and the total
5 funding for each project listed in this part are in thousands of
6 dollars.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

ITEM NO.	CAPITAL PROJECT NO.	TITLE	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS (IN 000'S)			
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	M O F
1		THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM					
2							
3		JUD601 - ADMINISTRATION					
4							
5	1.	NON-POSITION RELATED PLANS AND DESIGN					
6		FOR NEW JUDICIARY COMPLEX IN SOUTH					
7		KOHALA, HAWAI`I.					
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9		PLANS AND DESIGN FOR NEW SOUTH KOHALA					
10		JUDICIARY COMPLEX, HAWAI`I.					
11		PLANS		500			
12		DESIGN		3,500			
13		TOTAL FUNDING	JUD	4,000	C	0	C
14							
15	2.	PU`UHONUA KAULIKE A/C SYSTEMS					
16		REPLACEMENT, KAUA`I.					
17							
18		EQUIPMENT FOR A/C SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT					
19		AT PU`UHONUA KAULIKE, KAUA`I.					
20		EQUIPMENT		900			
21		TOTAL FUNDING	JUD	900	C	0	C
22							
23	3.	LUMP SUM CIP FOR JUDICIARY					
24		FACILITIES, STATEWIDE.					
25							
26		PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND					
27		EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL ALTERATIONS,					
28		UPGRADES, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO JUDICIARY					
29		FACILITIES, STATEWIDE.					
30		PLANS		1,000			
31		DESIGN		1,000			
32		CONSTRUCTION		4,000			
33		EQUIPMENT		1,000			
34		TOTAL FUNDING	JUD	7,000	C	0	C
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PART V. ISSUANCE OF BONDS

SECTION 10. General obligation bonds may be issued, as provided by law, to yield the amount that may be necessary to finance projects authorized in part II and listed in part IV of this Act; provided that the sum total of the general obligation bonds so issued shall not exceed \$11,900,000.

PART VI. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 11. Any law or any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for capital improvement projects authorized in part II and listed in part IV of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made; provided that all appropriations made for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as of that date.

SECTION 12. The judiciary may delegate to other state or county agencies the planning, acquisition of land, design, construction, and equipment of any capital improvement project when it is determined by the judiciary to be advantageous to do so.



1 SECTION 13. All unrequired balances in the general
2 obligation bond fund, after the objectives of part II
3 appropriations for capital improvements program purposes listed
4 as projects in part IV of this Act have been met, shall be
5 transferred to the judiciary project adjustment fund.

6 SECTION 14. If the amount allocated from the general
7 obligation bond fund for a capital improvement project listed in
8 part IV of this Act is insufficient, the chief justice may make
9 supplemental allotments from the judiciary project adjustment
10 fund; provided that supplemental allotments shall not be used to
11 increase the scope of the project.

12 SECTION 15. Where it has been determined that changed
13 conditions, such as a reduction in the particular population
14 being served, permit the reduction in the scope of a project
15 listed in part IV of this Act, the chief justice may authorize
16 such reduction of project scope.

17 SECTION 16. The chief justice shall determine when and the
18 manner in which the authorized capital improvement projects
19 shall be initiated. The chief justice shall notify the governor
20 from time to time of the specific amounts required for the



1 projects, and the governor shall provide for those amounts
2 through the issuance of bonds authorized in part V of this Act.

3 SECTION 17. Any law or any provision of this Act to the
4 contrary notwithstanding, the chief justice may supplement funds
5 for any cost element for a capital improvement project
6 authorized under this Act by transferring sums as may be needed
7 from the funds appropriated for other cost elements of the same
8 project by this Act or by any other prior or future Act that has
9 not lapsed; provided that the total expenditure of funds for all
10 cost elements for the project shall not exceed the total
11 appropriation for that project.

12 **PART VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 SECTION 18. If any portion of this Act or its application
14 to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid for any
15 reason, the remainder of this Act and any provision thereof
16 shall not be affected. If any portion of a specific
17 appropriation is held to be invalid for any reason, the
18 remaining portion shall be independent of the invalid portion
19 and shall be expended to fulfill the objective and intent of the
20 appropriation to the extent possible.



1 SECTION 19. If any manifest clerical, typographical, or
2 other mechanical error is found in this Act, the chief justice
3 may correct the error. All changes made pursuant to this
4 section shall be reported to the legislature at its next regular
5 session.

6 SECTION 20. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Judiciary Package; Appropriations; Budget

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning 7/1/2025, and ending 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/2025.
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