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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE CREATION OF A FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT TO  
BE LOCATED AT THE KAPOLEI COURT COMPLEX.

1           WHEREAS, according to The State of Hawaii Data Book 2006,  
2 approximately 876,156 persons resided on the island of Oahu in  
3 2000, which represents approximately seventy per cent of the  
4 State's entire population; and

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6           WHEREAS, all residents of Oahu are served by the first  
7 judicial circuit, which includes twenty-five Circuit Court  
8 judges; and

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10           WHEREAS, although each neighbor island county has a much  
11 smaller population than Oahu, each county comprises an  
12 additional, separate judicial circuit: the county of Maui, with  
13 128,241 residents, comprises the second judicial circuit with  
14 four Circuit Court judges; the county of Hawaii, with 148,677  
15 residents, comprises the third judicial circuit with four  
16 Circuit Court judges; and the county of Kauai, with 58,463  
17 residents, comprises the fifth judicial circuit with two Circuit  
18 Court judges; and

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20           WHEREAS, in contrast, the 366,984 residents of Leeward  
21 Oahu, Central Oahu, and the North Shore area of Oahu do not have  
22 a dedicated judicial circuit; and

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24           WHEREAS, according to fiscal year 2005-2006 court  
25 statistics, the first judicial circuit had 5,128 of the  
26 statewide total of 10,446 bench trials, which is almost as many  
27 as the other three judicial circuits combined; and

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29           WHEREAS, during that same period, nearly sixty-five per  
30 cent of the three hundred twelve jury trials demanded statewide  
31 were committed to the first judicial circuit; and  
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