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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the amount of people  
2 coming to court has increased over the years. Many individuals  
3 represent themselves in family court and small claims court  
4 rather than hire an attorney. The legislature also finds that  
5 individuals representing themselves often do not know where to  
6 go, how to fill out forms, or how to comply with court  
7 procedures.

8           The legislature further finds that the judiciary has  
9 implemented Ho'okele (Hawaiian for "to guide",) legal self-help  
10 service centers in some courts around the State. Ho'okele  
11 refers and directs parties to the appropriate judiciary  
12 programs, and provides parties with referrals, addresses, and  
13 telephone numbers of outside agencies who may better assist  
14 them. Ho'okele provides easier access to the courts, while  
15 cutting down on the significant amount of time that court staff  
16 now spends explaining procedures and policies.



1           The purpose of this Act is appropriate moneys to implement  
2 Ho'okele legal self-help service centers in Hilo and Kona on the  
3 island of Hawaii.

4           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$88,994 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 to fund  
7 the equipment, supplies, and salaries of one full-time judicial  
8 clerk III position (1.0 FTE) in Hilo and one full-time court  
9 documents clerk III position (1.0 FTE) in Kona to implement  
10 Ho'okele legal self-help service centers.

11           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$74,784 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund  
14 the salaries of one full-time judicial clerk III position (1.0  
15 FTE) in Hilo and one full-time court documents clerk III  
16 position (1.0 FTE) in Kona to implement Ho'okele legal self-help  
17 service centers.

18           SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
19 judiciary for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. The Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Third Circuit; Ho'okele; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for equipment, supplies, and salaries for Ho'okele legal self-help service centers in Hilo and Kona.

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