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Honolulu, Hawai'i, September 7, 2012 - Chief Judge James S. Burns (Ret.), Chair of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Judicature Society, announced today the formation of its Special Committee on the Mandatory Retirement Age of Hawaii State Judges. The Committee was created after renewed public interest arose when Justice James Duffy recently retired. Further, a recent editorial in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* on June 8, 2012 advocated the lifting of the mandatory age of 70 years old, noting that the "depth and breadth of experience" of judges are needed. The Special Committee will look at whether the State Constitution should be amended to change the mandatory retirement age. Copies of the Committee's charter and membership are attached.

Attachments

To promote the effective administration of justice