

S 2823

A bill to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jul 30, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 8, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 521	Related bill	Jul 17, 2002: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 350.

Amends the Organic Act of Guam to revise the local judicial structure of Guam to vest judicial authority, not only in the District Court of Guam (as currently), but also in a unified judicial system composed of: (1) an appellate court designated as the "Supreme Court of Guam"; (2) a trial court designated as the "Superior Court of Guam"; and (3) such other lower local courts as may have been or may hereafter be established by the laws of Guam.

Authorizes the Supreme Court of Guam to create divisions of the Superior Court and other local courts of Guam.

Lists the courts of record for Guam.

Outlines the jurisdiction and powers of the local courts.

Provides that the qualifications and duties of the justices and judges of the courts shall be governed by the laws of Guam and the rules of such courts.

Repeals provisions granting the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit jurisdiction to review all final decisions of the Supreme Court of Guam (effectively allowing direct review of such decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States).

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman without amendment. Without written report.
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- **Jul 30, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7582)
- **Jul 30, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7582-7583)