

Bathroom Reader

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SYS SUCCESS



Ok, planning document is in. What's next? Likely, you'll need to do some research and the Library is here to help!

Students have access to many electronic databases on various topics besides law. Students can also get books from other libraries outside of the UH system. There are lots of resources, so ask a librarian or a reference assistant in the lobby for more information. Good luck!

LEGISLATION ROUND UP



Our legislature is in session and there are plenty of bills being proposed. Here are a few interesting ones.

University Salaries. HB1685 prohibits any UH employee from having a salary more than double what the governor makes.

Judicial elections. Beloved by some and loathed by others, judicial elections will be up for debate this session. SB2238 would create 6 year terms for which judges would be elected initially by voters and then

retained by the Senate for subsequent terms.

Loan repayment. SB635 and HB549 would establish a loan repayment program for attorneys "providing direct legal assistance to indigent person through a nonprofit organization." Those lawyers would be eligible for up to \$10,000 a year and up to \$50,000 total.

Ban on sexual orientation conversion therapy. HB1675 and SB2615 would prohibit teachers and people licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in conversion therapy. The purpose of the act is to "protect the physical and psychological well-being of minors, including [LGBT] youth, against exposure to serious harms caused by sexual orientation change efforts."

Do you feel strongly about these bills or other proposed legislation? Then submit testimony via the Capitol's website and let your voice be heard.

THE RIGHT MAN

January 31 was the 10 year anniversary of Justice Alito joining SCOTUS. A recent article in *The Atlantic* declared that there is no justice to his ideological right. The article cited, *inter alia*, his

opinion in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, holding that a woman couldn't bring a pay discrimination claim against her employer because she took too long. This opinion was later overridden by Congress.

While Alito drew comparisons to CJ John Roberts (both are "solidly conservative"), there is one major difference: The Chief is concerned about the Court's institutional legitimacy and that there are times when that concerns trumps ideology (e.g. *NFIB v. Sebelius*).

Wherever he is on the spectrum, at 65, SAA still certainly has a lot of time left on the bench to make his mark, whether it's with the majority or the dissent. <http://tinyurl.com/h9n372o>

