

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2785
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2785 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum amount
in controversy over which the District Court shall have
jurisdiction from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the
Collection Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and two
attorneys.

Your Committee finds that the current limit for claims in the
District Courts was established by the Legislature in 1994. An
increase in the jurisdictional limit of the District Courts would
take into account the effect of inflation over the years, yet
would also allow smaller claims, those under \$30,000, to be
resolved in a cost effective manner.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this
measure by changing the effective date to "January 1, 2050" to
facilitate further discussion on this issue.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 2785, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second



Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2785, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



