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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair Senate Judiciary Committee
and Members
Hawaii State Capitol

Re: S.B. 2785 - Increasing District Court Civil Jurisdictional
Limits To \$30,000 - H.R.S. 604-5

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Judiciary
Committee:

The Collection Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association¹ requests that you support S.B. 2785 to increase the District Court Civil Jurisdictional Limits to \$30,000. Currently, the limit is \$20,000 and has been that way since the early 1990's. Increasing the limit would take into account inflation over the years and would allow cases in the \$20,001 to \$30,000 range to be litigated and resolved in a forum that is more cost effective relative to their size. Keeping the cost of disputes down is beneficial to both individuals and businesses. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William J. Plum

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¹ The opinions of the Collection Law Section are not necessarily those of the Hawaii State Bar Association proper.

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SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: S.B. 2785 - Increase in District Court Jurisdiction
HEARING SET FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.

Dear Brian:

I ask that you and your fellow committee members support S.B. 2785 which increases the civil jurisdictional limits of the district Court to \$30,000.00. Raising the jurisdictional limit will allow more disputes to be litigated in a convenient forum which is both fair and cost efficient.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
State Capitol

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 2785

Dear Senators:

Please approve passage of Senate Bill No. 2785 to raise the limit for claims in District Court to \$30,000.00. The majority of claims are on the smaller side and the increased limit to \$30,000.00 would be of great benefit for the general population.

This would allow more people, pro se and attorneys, to have a legal avenue which is less time consuming and less tedious.

I strongly advocate passage of this bill and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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