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Representative Tommy Waters
and Members of the House Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Capitol

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

Hearing 3-11-08 @ 2:00 p.m. House JUD

Dear Representative Waters and Committee Members:

The Collection Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association requests that you give consideration to submitting legislation to increase the District Court Civil Jurisdictional Limits to \$30,000.¹ 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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