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Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Finance
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Re: Testimony in Support of HB1139 Re District Courts
Hearing: Mon., Feb. 28, 2011 @ 12:30 p.m., Conf. Room #308

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Finance Committee:

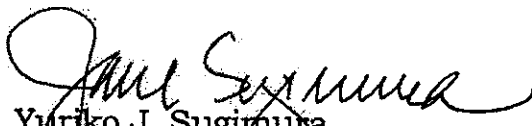
I am a principal of this firm and I have been practicing law in the Hawaii state courts since 1978.

I support passage of this bill because it will allow parties in a district court suit to serve a complaint on an out-of-state defendant without first having to file a motion with the court to get permission to do so. Parties in circuit court lawsuits can already serve out-of-state defendants under Hawaii law without having to get the court's approval.

Passing this bill will result in cost savings to the judiciary since district court judges and staff will not have to process and file these ex parte motions for leave to serve out-of-state defendants that they are currently required to do.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

Very Truly Yours,


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