



GOV. MSG. NO. 1124

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 17, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1846

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION
ACT 024 (14)

Aloha
Signed,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 024
H.B. NO. 1846

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 604-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Except as otherwise provided, the district courts
4 shall have jurisdiction in all civil actions where the debt,
5 amount, damages, or value of the property claimed does not
6 exceed [~~\$25,000~~] \$40,000, except in civil actions involving
7 summary possession or ejectment, in which case the district
8 court shall have jurisdiction over any counterclaim otherwise
9 properly brought by any defendant in the action if the
10 counterclaim arises out of and refers to the land or premises
11 the possession of which is being sought, regardless of the value
12 of the debt, amount, damages, or property claim contained in the
13 counterclaim. Attorney's commissions or fees, including those
14 stipulated in any note or contract sued on, interest, and costs,
15 shall not be included in computing the jurisdictional amount.
16 Subject to subsections (b) and (c), jurisdiction under this
17 subsection shall be exclusive when the amount in controversy, so
18 computed, does not exceed \$10,000. The district courts shall



1 also have original jurisdiction of suits for specific
 2 performance when the fair market value of such specific
 3 performance does not exceed \$20,000 and original jurisdiction to
 4 issue injunctive relief in residential landlord-tenant cases
 5 under chapter 521."

6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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APPROVED this 17 day of APR, 2014

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

