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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JURY TRIAL.

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 (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The district courts shall try and determine all  
4 actions without a jury, subject to appeal according to law.  
5 Whenever a civil matter is triable of right by a jury and trial  
6 by jury is demanded in the manner and within the time provided  
7 by the rules of court, the case shall be transferred to the  
8 circuit court. If the demand is made in the complaint and the  
9 matter is triable of right by a jury, the action may be  
10 commenced in the circuit court if the amount in controversy  
11 exceeds [~~\$5,000.~~] \$10,000."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# H.B. NO. 1845

**Report Title:**

Suits at Common Law; Jury Trials; Value in Controversy

**Description:**

Increases the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law in the circuit court from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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