

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3048

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1844  
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1844, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII  
CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY  
REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM  
\$5,000 TO \$10,000, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose a  
constitutional amendment to increase the threshold value in  
controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases from \$5,000  
to \$10,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from State Farm Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure reflects inflation and  
is intended to lessen the burden on Circuit Courts with matters  
not involving large sums of money. This measure is also intended  
to lessen the costs of a jury trial in Circuit Court, which can be  
much slower and more expensive than if a bench trial is held in  
District Court.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,  
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.



No. 1844, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,




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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1844, HDI	JDL, WAM	3/14/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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