

JAN 22 2015

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon ratification of
2 a constitutional amendment to increase the threshold value in
3 controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common
4 law from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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Report Title:

Suits at Common Law; Jury Trials; Value in Controversy

Description:

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