
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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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
15 and upon ratification of a constitutional amendment to increase
16 the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials
17 in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000.



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 from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
(SB144 HD1)

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