

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 428

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2015

RE: S.B. No. 144
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY TRIAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure may assist in lessening the burden on Circuit Courts with matters not involving large sums of money. Your Committee further finds that increasing the threshold value may lessen costs to the parties involved because a jury trial in Circuit Court can be more expensive than a bench trial in District Court.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting language that requires this measure to become effective upon ratification of a constitutional amendment to increase the threshold value in controversy requirement and inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B.



No. 144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 144, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN,
Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SB 144</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">JDL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">2/3/15</div>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes