

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 214  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish exclusive jurisdiction of the Small Claims Division of the District Court over cases for the recovery of money in which the amount claimed is \$1,000 or less, exclusive of interest and costs; and
- (2) Expand the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Division to any personal property worth \$5,000 or less.

The Judiciary testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii State Bar Association Collection Law Section and Financial Services Association testified in opposition and recommended amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Amend section 633-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by making technical, nonsubstantive conforming amendments for clarity, consistency, and style; and



(2) Make this measure take effect on its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



