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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, and
Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
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Testimony in Opposition to SB 2101, Relating to District Court Small Claims

To: The Honorable Gil Keither Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committees

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 63 Hawaii credit unions, representing over 800,000 credit union members across the state. We are opposed to SB 2101, Relating to District Court Small Claims.

This bill would take away the choice of filing complaints of less than \$1000 in either the Regular Claims Division or Small Claims Division of the District Court. Because of differences between Regular Claims and Small Claims Division, it is not in the best interest of a plaintiff to be limited to Small Claims.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.