

**Testimony of the
Hawaii State Bar Association**

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Nadine Ando
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RE: Senate Bill No. 98 Relating to the Courts
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. Hearing

Chair Keith Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the HSBA Board at its board meeting yesterday, February 20th, voted to support House Bill No. 1274 and its companion measure, Senate Bill No. 98.

This action was taken at the urging of the HSBA's Collection Law Section, which has been steadfastly supporting these measures since they were introduced previously.

Both measures correct an inconsistency in Section 604-5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that sets forth jurisdictional limits for the District Court. These bills would make consistent the overall jurisdiction of the District Court and its specific performance jurisdiction. While the overall jurisdiction of the District Court is now \$40,000, its specific performance jurisdiction remains at \$20,000.

These measures should be considered "housekeeping".

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