
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JURISDICTION.

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 (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) Except as otherwise provided, the district courts
4 shall have jurisdiction in all civil actions where the debt,
5 amount, damages, or value of the property claimed does not
6 exceed [~~\$40,000~~] \$100,000, except in civil actions involving
7 summary possession or ejectment, in which case the district
8 court shall have jurisdiction over any counterclaim otherwise
9 properly brought by any defendant in the action if the
10 counterclaim arises out of and refers to the land or premises
11 the possession of which is being sought, regardless of the value
12 of the debt, amount, damages, or property claim contained in the
13 counterclaim. Attorney's commissions or fees, including those
14 stipulated in any note or contract sued on, interest, and costs,
15 shall not be included in computing the jurisdictional amount.
16 Subject to subsections (b) and (c), jurisdiction under this
17 subsection shall be exclusive when the amount in controversy, so



1 computed, does not exceed \$10,000. The district courts shall
2 also have original jurisdiction of suits for specific
3 performance when the fair market value of such specific
4 performance does not exceed \$20,000 and original jurisdiction to
5 issue injunctive relief in residential landlord-tenant cases
6 under chapter 521."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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H.B. NO. 1971

Report Title:

Civil Jurisdiction; District Courts; Amount in Controversy

Description:

Raises from \$40,000 to \$100,000 the amount at issue in civil actions for purposes of limiting district court jurisdiction.

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