STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3011

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 2 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2898 S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2898 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARBITRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the district courts to have jurisdiction over cases subject to arbitration agreements where the disputed amount is \$10,000 or less.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Bar Association Collection Law Section.

Your Committee finds that labor arbitrations should be within the jurisdiction of the circuit courts and not the district courts, regardless of the amount in controversy.

Therefore, your Committee amended this measure to specify that for cases involving arbitration subject to chapters 89 and 377, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or the National Labor Relations Act, "court" means the circuit court of the appropriate judicial circuit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2898, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2898, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* НВ 2898	JHW	Date: 3	Date: 3   17   06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:				iiiii	
					Recommit (2313)
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
HANABUSA, Colleen (C)		//			
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IHARA, Jr., Les					
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TOTAL		6	0	0	0
Recommendation:  Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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