

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2553

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2474
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2474 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase from \$3,500 to
\$5,000 the amount in controversy requirement for the Small Claims
Division of the District Court (popularly known as "small claims
court").

Your Committee finds that under present law, the amount in
controversy requirement for the Small Claims Division of the
District Court is \$3,500 and \$20,000 for the rest of the District
Courts. Your Committee finds that raising the amount in
controversy requirement for the small claims court will result in
a more efficient distribution of case loads for the District
Courts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical
nonsubstantive change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 2474, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second
Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2474, 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
Labor,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



