STAND. COM. REP. NO. 382 -10

Honolulu, Hawaii

F= 4712, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2784 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2784 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the monetary limit of claims that may be filed in small claims court.

A concerned individual supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure. The Judiciary submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reducing the monetary limit of claims being filed in small claims court from \$7,000 to \$4,500 for the various categories of cases the small claims court handles;
- (2) Providing that either party in the cases has the option to elect between the procedures of the small claims division or the ordinary procedures of the district court;
- (3) Changing the effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2784, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2784, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee	e Referral: TUD, FIN	Date	2/9/10	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. HERKES, Robert N.				
7. LUKE, Sylvia 8. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
9. MIZUNO, John M.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.			I <u>Prod</u> ikanana	ustra James August 20
11. OSHIRO, Blake K	V			
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14. WAKAI, Glenn	V			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	1			
16. THIELEN, Cynthia	V			
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TOTAL (16)	14	0	0	2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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