A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.

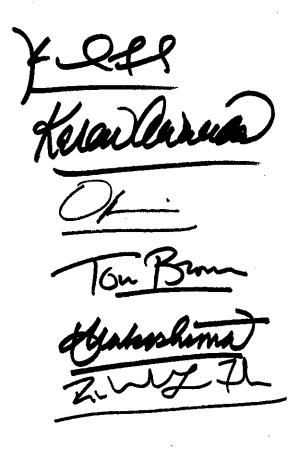
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
- 2 , amendment to article I, section 13, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to increase the threshold value in controversy
- 4 requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from
- **5** \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- 6 SECTION 2. Article I, section 13, of the Constitution of
- 7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "TRIAL BY JURY, CIVIL CASES
- 9 Section 13. In suits at common law where the value in
- 10 controversy shall exceed [five] ten thousand dollars, the right
- 11 of trial by jury shall be preserved. The legislature may
- 12 provide for a verdict by not less than three-fourths of the
- 13 members of the jury."
- 14 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 15 be as follows:

- 1 "Shall the threshold value in controversy requirement for
- 2 jury trials in civil cases at common law be increased from
- 3 \$5,000 to \$10,000?"
- 4 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 5 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 6 underscored.
- 7 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
- 8 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
- 9 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Suits at Common Law; Jury Trial; Value in Controversy

Description:

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