A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TORT LIABILITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend section
- 2 662-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to afford all parties, including
- 3 the State of Hawaii, with the same right to elect a jury trial
- 4 in tort actions brought against the State pursuant to chapter
- 5 662, as private individuals have in tort actions.
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 662-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "\$662-5 Jury. Any party, including the State, may demand
- 9 a trial by jury, for any action against the State under this
- 10 chapter [shall be tried by the court without a jury; provided
- 11 that the court, with the consent of all the parties, may order a
- 12 trial with a jury whose verdict shall have the same effect as if
- 13 trial by jury had been a matter of right.] in the same manner as
- 14 a demand for jury is made by a private individual in a tort
- 15 action."
- 16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Government Tort Liability

Description:

Allows any party, including the State of Hawaii, to demand a jury trial in any action brought against the State under Chapter 662, Hawaii Revised Statutes. (SD1)

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