RE: H.B. No. 291 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish exclusive jurisdiction of the Small Claims
  Division of the District Court over cases for the
  recovery of money in which the amount claimed is \$1,000
  or less, exclusive of interest and costs; and
- (2) Expand the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Division to any personal property worth \$5,000 or less.

The Judiciary testified in support of this measure. One concerned individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity 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. 291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading

in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 291, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

## State of Hawaii

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	2/2/10	
HB 291	JUDIFIN		2/3/15	
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
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	Ł			W.J.
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	(VC)		,, <u></u>	
3. BELATTI, Della Au				١٠/
4. BROWER, Tom	٠,			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	1		-	
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	K			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	$\sim$			
8. LEE, Chris	×		,	
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	×			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	<u>×</u>			
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	<u> </u>			
13. MCDERMOTT, Bob				×
14. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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