### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 602, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 3 and to read as follows:
- 4 "§602- Certified questions; procedure. (a) A court of
- 5 inferior jurisdiction may certify to the supreme court a
- 6 question or proposition of law on which the court of inferior
- 7 jurisdiction seeks instruction for the proper decision of a case
- 8 that the supreme court has remanded to that inferior court. The
- 9 certificate shall contain a statement of the nature of the case
- 10 and the facts on which the question or proposition of law
- 11 arises. Only questions or propositions of law may be certified,
- 12 and they shall be stated separately and with precision.
- 13 (b) The supreme court shall answer a certified question or
- 14 proposition of law from a court of inferior jurisdiction within
- 15 fifteen calendar days of receipt.

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### Report Title:

Courts; Supreme Court; Certified Questions

### Description:

Provides that a court of inferior jurisdiction may certify to the Hawaii Supreme Court a question or proposition of law on which the court of inferior jurisdiction seeks instruction for the proper decision of a remanded case. Requires the Supreme Court to answer the question within 15 calendar days.

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