

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 535

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 25 2015

RE: S.B. No. 214  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 214 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Judiciary. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows plaintiffs to  
file their claims in the Small Claims Division or Regular Claims  
Division of the District Court. This measure will allow  
plaintiffs to file in the Small Claims Division when the amount in  
controversy is \$1,000 or less, which is more efficient and less  
costly for the plaintiff.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


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- (1) Making conforming amendments to section 633-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reflect the amendments made to section 633-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 214, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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




GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 214</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDL</b>	Date: <b>2/3/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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