

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1007

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 143
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 143, S.D. 1, entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to increase the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

One concerned individual testified in support of this measure.

The threshold value was last amended in 1988. This measure will reduce the costs to litigants and the burden on the circuit courts and the jury pool.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that this constitutional amendment shall take effect upon compliance with Article XVII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

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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 S.B. No. 143, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 143, S.D. 1, 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



