



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

### **Testimony to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 427, Relating to Small Claims Division of the District Court

**Purpose:** This bill establishes the exclusive jurisdiction of the small claims division of the district court over cases in which the amount claimed is \$1,000 or less exclusive of interest and costs. It also expands the small claims division's jurisdiction over personal property cases to include any personal property worth \$5,000 or less.

### **Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary requests that this measure be **DEFERRED**.

The Judiciary is currently reaching out to members of the Collection Bar Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association to promote the benefits of small claims court to their members. The Judiciary requests that at this time this measure be deferred with the hope that legislation will not be necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.