

April 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: AO DIRECTOR MECHAM

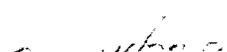
FROM: JUDGE SAMUEL P. KING

RE: S. 2027



The enclosed are forwarded herewith for your information and such use as you care to make of them. Fortuitously, I was invited to speak to the Plaintiffs' Lawyers of Hawaii a week or so before this action and took S. 2027 as my topic!

cc: Honorable Diana Murphy, President FJA



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April 20, 1990

Hon. Jack Brooks,
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
2449 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4309

Re: Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990, H.R. 3898

Dear Representative Brooks:

The Hawaii State Bar Association, which represents all of the attorneys licensed to practice in this state, OPPOSES the adoption of H.R. 3898. This position was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors at its meeting on April 19, 1990.

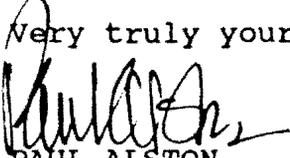
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We strongly support reforms which will meaningfully reduce litigation costs and increase the efficiency of the civil justice system, while preserving the fairness and integrity of the system. H.R. 3898 will not serve those goals. We urge you and your committee to reject this bill. Give us enough judges to handle the flood of drug cases as well as the ongoing civil cases, and give them the freedom to tailor docket control and case management systems to our local needs. We do not need the stifling "reforms" prescribed by H.R. 3898.

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If you have any questions about the HSBA's position, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Senator Daniel Inouye
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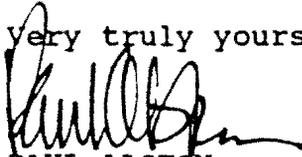
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