

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 395
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 395 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY DUTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase compensation for a juror or prospective juror from \$30 to \$50 for each day of attendance at court.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and Hawaii State Bar Association.

Your Committee finds that juror compensation has not been increased since 1986. Your Committee recognizes the sacrifices made by jurors and prospective jurors in the performance of their civic duty and believes that an increase in compensation is timely.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and

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- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$684,385.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 395, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



