

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 857

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 428

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 428 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESS FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the fees, including fees for travel expenses, paid to witnesses in civil and criminal trials.

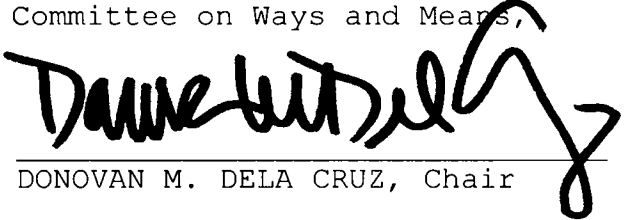
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that increasing witness fees will help reduce financial barriers for witnesses who appear in court to testify, especially witnesses who have limited financial means.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 428 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes