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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WITNESSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 621-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) Every witness legally required to attend a state  
4 court or grand jury in any criminal case, other than a public  
5 officer or employee, shall be entitled to [~~\$20~~] \$55 for each  
6 day's attendance and a reasonable mileage fee to be established  
7 pursuant to rules adopted by the judiciary for each mile  
8 actually and necessarily traveled on the ground each way,  
9 including travel to and from the nearest airport when required  
10 to travel from another island or from outside the State. In  
11 addition to witness' fees, every witness[~~7~~] who attends a state  
12 court from outside the State shall be entitled to the actual  
13 round-trip cost of plane travel, plus [~~\$110 per twenty-four hour~~  
14 ~~day,~~] \$160 for each day's attendance, or if from any island  
15 other than that on which the court holds session, shall be  
16 entitled to the actual round-trip cost of plane travel, plus \$55  
17 [~~per twenty-four hour day,~~] for each day's attendance, except  
18 that when the witness is required to stay overnight, the witness



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1 shall be entitled to the actual round-trip cost of plane travel,  
2 plus \$160 for each day's attendance, which amounts shall cover  
3 all personal expenses, such as board and lodging. [~~These per~~  
4 ~~diem payments shall be computed on the basis of quarter day~~  
5 ~~periods of time.]"~~

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Witness Fees; Criminal Cases

**Description:**

Increases witness fees for criminal cases.

