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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~~]  
11 state. In addition to witness' fees, every witness[~~7~~] who  
12 attends a state court from outside the [~~State~~] state shall be  
13 entitled to the actual round-trip cost of plane travel, plus  
14 [~~\$110 per twenty-four-hour day,~~] \$160 for each day's attendance.  
15 [~~or if~~] If from any island other than that on which the court  
16 holds session, the witness shall be entitled to the actual  
17 round-trip cost of plane travel[~~7~~]; plus \$55 [~~per twenty-four-~~  
18 ~~hour day,~~] for each day's attendance, except that when the



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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Witness Fees; Criminal Cases

**Description:**

Increases witness fees, mileage fees, and per diem payments for witnesses for criminal cases. (HB 379 HD1)

