
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 [~~]~~ 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 [~~]~~ 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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, 2008.



REPORT Title:

Witness Fees; Criminal Cases

Description:

Increases witness fees, mileage fees, and per diem payments for witnesses for criminal cases. (SD2)

