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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COSTS OF ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS.

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

1	SECTION	1.	Section	658A-21,	Hawaii	Revised	Statutes,	is
2	amended as follows:							

3 1. By amending its title to read:

4 "[+]§658A-21[+] Remedies; fees, costs, and expenses of
5 arbitration proceeding."

6 2. By amending subsection (b) to read:

7 "(b) An arbitrator may award reasonable attorney's fees,
8 <u>costs</u>, and other reasonable expenses of arbitration if such an
9 award is authorized by law in a civil action involving [the
10 same] <u>a comparable</u> claim or by the agreement of the parties to
11 the arbitration proceeding."

SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to any arbitrationclaim commenced prior to its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketedand stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:** Arbitration; Remedies; Costs

**Description:** Authorizes arbitrators to award costs of the arbitration if such an award is authorized by law in a civil action involving a comparable claim or by the agreement of the parties.

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