Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 879

S.D. 1 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the cooperation of witnesses in state court proceedings by:

- (1) Increasing the amount of the per diem stipend for outof-state witnesses to \$145 per twenty-four-hour day; and
- (2) Providing an additional amount of \$90 per twenty-four-hour day for witnesses who must travel to another island and are required to stay overnight.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu and Crime Victim Compensation Commission supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Hawai'i Tourism Authority provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

SB 879, SD1, HD1	JUD, FIN	3/27/1	.3
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
FIN Members	Ayes Ay	ves (WR)	Nays Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.			
6. ING, Kaniela			
7. JORDAN, Jo			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth			
17. WARD, Gene			
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TOTAL (17)	(5		2
The recommendation is: Adopted			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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