A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 802-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended b	y amending subsection (b) to read a	s follows:
3	"(b)	The court shall determine the amo	unt of reasonable
4	compensation to appointed counsel, based on the rate of [\$90]		
5	\$150 an hour; provided that the maximum allowable fee shall not		
6	exceed the following schedule:		
7	(1)	Any felony case	[\$6,000] <u>\$12,000</u>
8	(2)	Misdemeanor case-jury trial	[3,000] \$6,000
9	(3)	Misdemeanor case-jury waived	[1,500] <u>\$3,000</u>
10	(4)	Appeals	[5,000] <u>\$9,000</u>
11	(5)	Petty misdemeanor case	[900] <u>\$1,800</u>
12	(6)	Any other type of administrative o	r
13	judicial proceeding, including cases		
14	arising under section 571-11(1)[7] or		
15		571-14(a)(1)[-] or [571-14(a)](2)	[3,000.] \$6,000.

1 Payment in excess of any maximum provided for under 2 paragraphs (1) to (6) may be made whenever the court in which 3 the representation was rendered certifies that the amount of the 4 excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation and the 5 payment is approved by the administrative judge of that court." 6 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of 7 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 8 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined 9 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the 10 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 11 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons 12 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the 13 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public 14 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act. 15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to carry 18 out the purposes of this Act. 19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 20 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

- 1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Judiciary Package; Criminal Proceedings; Court-Appointed Counsel; Fees; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded; Appropriation

Description:

Increases the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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