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S.B. NO. 1298

A Bill for an Act Relating to Travel Expenses.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. Section 24-3 is amended to read:

“§24-3 Allowance for expenses while traveling on official legislative business during a session within the State. A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on the island of Oahu and who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business during a session and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. Such allowance shall be equal to the maximum allowance for such expenses payable to any public officer or employee.

A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on an island other than Oahu and who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business during a session and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. Such allowance shall be equal to the maximum allowance for such expenses payable to any public officer or employee and shall be in addition to the allowance which he may be entitled to receive under section 24-2, except that he shall not be entitled to this allowance while in attendance at a session of the legislature on Oahu.”

2. Section 24-4 is amended to read:

“§24-4 Allowance for expenses while on official legislative business during periods of recess and interim official legislative business. When a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution or for any interim official legislative business, a member of the legislature while on official legislative business on the island of his legal residence and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance of \$10 a day to cover personal expenses.

When a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution or for any interim official legislative business, a member of the legislature who is required to remain away from the island of his legal residence but within the State overnight or longer while on official legislative business and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. Such allowance shall be equal to the maximum allowance for such expenses payable to any public officer or employee.”

3. Section 24-5 is amended to read:

“§24-5 Allowance for expenses while traveling on official legislative business without the State. A member of the legislature while traveling without the State on official legislative business and when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective house, shall receive an allowance to cover all personal expenses, such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. Such allowance shall be equal to the maximum allowance for such expenses payable to any public officer or employee and shall be in addition to the allowance which he may be

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entitled to receive under section 24-2.”

SECTION 2. Section 78-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§78-15 Traveling expenses of state officials. A state official or representative while traveling abroad on state official business shall be allowed \$60 a day, except for inter-island travel which shall be \$45 a day, which amount is to cover all personal expenses, such as board, lodging, etc., but not fares for transportation; provided that a rate in excess of \$45 a day for inter-island travel and \$60 a day for other travel abroad may be allowed, but neither for more than \$65 a day, upon application to and approval by the governor. The comptroller shall issue a warrant payable to the official for the purpose, at the authorized rate, from the date of his departure to the date of his return upon being furnished by the official with a certified statement setting forth the time of absence.”

SECTION 3. It is not the intent of this Act to supersede the substantive amendments contained in Act 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 1981, (S.B. No. 233, S.D. 1) in any manner.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 17, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.