A Bill for an Act Relating to Allowances for Legislators.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"\$24-2 Allowance for non-Oahu legislator during session. A member of the legislature whose legal residence is on an island other than Oahu shall receive an additional allowance [of \$20 per day, which amount is] to cover all personal expenses such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel expenses. The allowance shall be equal to the maximum allowance for such expenses payable to any public officer or employee for inter-island travel and shall be paid to each member at the rate prescribed for each day, from the first to the last day of each session, including Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and days of recess pursuant to the mandatory recess required by Article III, section 10, of the constitution or a concurrent resolution, except for days of recess when a session of the legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent resolution and for days of unexcused absence of the member from a meeting of the respective house."

SECTION 2. Section 24-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§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] the member's 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.]"

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 20, 1983.)