

ACT 4

H.B. NO. 152

A Bill for an Act Relating to Costs of Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 607-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~§607-9 Cost charges exclusive; disbursements.~~ No other costs of court shall be charged in any court in addition to those prescribed in this chapter in any suit, action, or other proceeding, except as otherwise provided by law.

All actual disbursements, including but not limited to, intrastate travel expenses for witnesses and counsel, expenses for deposition transcript originals and copies, and other incidental expenses, including copying costs, intrastate long distance telephone charges, and postage, sworn to by an attorney or a party, and deemed reasonable by the court, may be allowed in taxation of costs. In determining whether and what costs should be taxed, the court may consider the equities of the situation.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to any costs incurred prior to its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved April 7, 1989.)