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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WITNESSES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 621-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) Every witness legally required to attend a state  
4 court or grand jury in any criminal case, other than a public  
5 officer or employee, shall be entitled to [~~\$20~~] \$55 for each  
6 day's attendance and a reasonable mileage fee to be established  
7 pursuant to rules adopted by the judiciary for each mile  
8 actually and necessarily traveled on the ground each way,  
9 including travel to and from the nearest airport when required  
10 to travel from another island or from outside the State. In  
11 addition to witness' fees, every witness, who attends a state  
12 court from outside the State shall be entitled to the actual  
13 round-trip cost of plane travel, plus [~~\$110 per twenty-four hour~~  
14 ~~day,~~] \$160 for each day's attendance, or if from any island  
15 other than that on which the court holds session, shall be  
16 entitled to the actual round-trip cost of plane travel, plus \$55  
17 [~~per twenty-four hour day,~~] for each day's attendance, except



1 that if the witness is required to stay overnight, the witness  
2 shall be entitled to an additional \$160 for each day's  
3 attendance, which amounts shall cover all personal expenses,  
4 such as board and lodging. [~~These per diem payments shall be~~  
5 ~~computed on the basis of quarter day periods of time.]~~"

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1, or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2008-2009, to  
9 carry out the purposes of this Act. The sum appropriated shall  
10 be expended by the department of budget and finance.

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Witnesses; Fees

**Description:**

Amends the reimbursable fees and costs for witnesses in criminal cases. Appropriates funds. (SD 1)

