

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 379  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase fees and travel-related allowances paid to witnesses in criminal cases.

Specifically, the measure increases:

- (1) Witnesses' daily fees from \$20 to \$55; and
- (2) Per diem payment to witnesses who travel from out of state, and witnesses who travel inter-island and stay overnight, from \$110 to \$160 per day to attend court proceedings.

The Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submitted comments in support of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the Judiciary may need time to accommodate the increase in costs of fees and travel-related allowances to witnesses and to adopt any new forms necessary to reflect these changes. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2008.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB379 HDI, SDI	JDL, WAM	3/29/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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