

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 677  
S.D. 1

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

Madam President:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 677 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the daily fees for  
all witnesses and the per diem paid to the witnesses who travel  
from out of state or inter island to attend court proceedings.

The current witness fee of \$20 per day is inadequate to make  
our criminal justice system work. This bill will increase the  
witness fees to \$55 per day. For witnesses traveling from out of  
state, the daily fee would increase from \$110 per twenty four hour  
day to \$160 for each day's attendance. This increase will also  
cover witnesses traveling from any island and required to stay  
overnight.

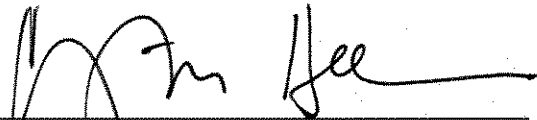
Your Committee heard testimony in support of this bill from  
the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County  
of Honolulu and from the Public Defender's Office. Your Committee  
also received testimony from the Department of Budget and Finance  
commenting that the financial impact would be \$670,000 per year.

Your Committee amended the bill to include an appropriation  
provision to allow the expenditure of funds from the Department of  
Budget and Finance.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 677, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes  
 Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 677</b>	Committee Referral:	Date: <b>2/8/07</b>		
<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Russell S. Kook</div>				
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