

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1517

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 879  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the cooperation of witnesses in state court proceedings by:

- (1) Increasing the amount of the per diem stipend for out-of-state witnesses to \$145 per twenty-four-hour day; and
- (2) Providing an additional amount of \$90 per twenty-four-hour day for witnesses who must travel to another island and are required to stay overnight.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu and Crime Victim Compensation Commission supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Hawai'i Tourism Authority provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion; and

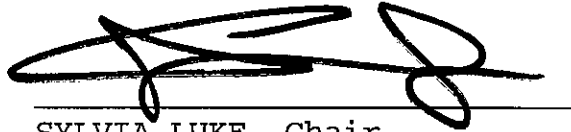
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



