



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1260**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 29, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 29, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2247 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL TRAVEL  
**ACT 158 (16)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL TRAVEL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4 "§78- Payment of approved travel costs for public  
5 officers and employees. (a) This section shall apply to all  
6 approved travel costs incurred by an officer or employee of the  
7 State or a county in connection with the official business of  
8 the respective jurisdiction.

9 (b) Subject to subsection (d), the State and the counties  
10 may pay approved travel costs directly to:

11 (1) The vendor providing the goods or services involved;  
12 or

13 (2) The officer or employee for whom the approved travel  
14 costs are to be paid, by way of a cash advance prior  
15 to the date of purchase, unless the officer or  
16 employee affirmatively agrees to loan the State or a  
17 county the money for the travel costs and be



1           reimbursed after the officer or employee pays for the  
2           travel costs.

3           (c) This section shall not be construed as precluding the  
4           reimbursement of approved travel costs to an officer or employee  
5           upon completion of travel for any costs that for any reason were  
6           not paid by the State or the county, as applicable, in  
7           accordance with subsection (b).

8           (d) As pertains to the officer or employee incurring  
9           approved travel costs, whenever there is a conflict between a  
10           collective bargaining agreement and this section, the terms of  
11           the collective bargaining agreement shall prevail.

12           (e) For the purposes of this section, "approved travel  
13           costs" means any determinable costs of travel for official state  
14           or county business approved by the respective jurisdiction and  
15           supported by a written invoice. The term includes the costs of  
16           transportation to and from a destination point, between  
17           destination points, or within a destination point; event  
18           registration fees; per diem allowances; and any other necessary  
19           costs related to the travel.

20           (f) An employer shall not take adverse employment actions  
21           against an officer or employee who does not affirmatively agree



1 to loan the State or a county the money for the travel costs and  
2 be reimbursed after the officer or employee pays for the travel  
3 costs."

4 SECTION 2. Section 46-25.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[~~f~~] §46-25.5 [~~+~~] Expenses. Subject to section 78- and  
7 procedures prescribed by the director of finance of the county  
8 and approved by the mayor, all officers and employees of each  
9 county shall be entitled to travel or other necessary expenses  
10 in the performance of their official duties as provided by  
11 ordinance."

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

APPROVED this 29 day of JUN , 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

