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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 "~~§~~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.



**Report Title:**

Public Officers and Employees; Payment of Approved Travel Costs

**Description:**

Authorizes the State and counties to pay the approved travel costs of their officers and employees directly to vendors or by cash advance to the officer or employee, unless otherwise provided in a collective bargaining agreement or upon affirmative consent of the officer or employee to be reimbursed after payment of travel costs by the officer or employee.

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