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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.

16 (c) This section shall not be construed as precluding the  
17 reimbursement of approved travel costs to an officer or employee  
18 upon completion of travel for any costs that for any reason were



1 not paid by the State or the county, as applicable, in  
2 accordance with subsection (b).

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

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

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

17 "[~~§~~46-25.5~~§~~] **Expenses.** Subject to section 78- and  
18 procedures prescribed by the director of finance of the county  
19 and approved by the mayor, all officers and employees of each  
20 county shall be entitled to travel or other necessary expenses



1 in the performance of their official duties as provided by  
2 ordinance."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**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. Takes effect on 7/1/2030. (SD2)

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