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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:
- 4 "§24- Allowance for Oahu legislator during session. A
5 member of the legislature whose legal residence is on the island
6 of Oahu shall receive an additional allowance to cover all
7 personal expenses that are incurred while on official
8 legislative business, such as incidental expenses but not travel
9 expenses. The allowance under this section shall be set at a
10 single rate that will:
- 11 (1) Not exceed the greater of the maximum allowance for
12 such expenses payable to any public officer or
13 employee of the federal government or the State;
- 14 (2) Be reasonably calculated to cover the expenses
15 specified in this section; and



1 (3) Be determined jointly by the president of the senate
2 and the speaker of the house of representatives for
3 the legislature as a whole.

4 The allowance shall be paid to each member at the rate
5 prescribed for each day, from the first to the last day of each
6 session, including Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and days of
7 recess pursuant to the mandatory recess required by article III,
8 section 10, of the Constitution or a concurrent resolution,
9 except for days of recess when a session of the legislature is
10 recessed for more than three days pursuant to a concurrent
11 resolution and for days of unexcused absence of the member from
12 a meeting of the respective house."

13 SECTION 2. Section 24-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§24-4 Allowance for expenses while on official**
16 **legislative business during period of recess and interim**
17 **official legislative business. (a)** When a session of the
18 legislature is recessed for more than three days pursuant to a
19 concurrent resolution or for any interim official legislative
20 business, a member of the legislature while on official
21 legislative business on the island of the member's legal



1 residence and when authorized by the presiding officer of the
2 respective house, shall receive an allowance [~~of \$10 a day~~] to
3 cover personal expenses.

4 (b) When a session of the legislature is recessed for more
5 than three days pursuant to the mandatory recess required by
6 article III, section 10, of the Constitution or a concurrent
7 resolution or for any interim official legislative business, a
8 member of the legislature who is required to remain away from
9 the island of the member's legal residence but within the State
10 overnight or longer while on official legislative business and
11 when authorized by the presiding officer of the respective
12 house, shall receive an allowance to cover all personal expenses
13 such as board, lodging, and incidental expenses but not travel
14 expenses.

15 (c) The [~~allowance~~] allowances authorized under this
16 section shall each be set at a single rate that will:

- 17 (1) Not exceed the greater of the maximum allowance for
18 such expenses payable to any public officer or
19 employee of the federal government or the State;
- 20 (2) Be reasonably calculated to cover the expenses
21 specified in this section; and



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1 (3) Be determined jointly by the president of the senate
2 and the speaker of the house of representatives for
3 the legislature as a whole."

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

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: *Amn H. M.*
By Request



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Report Title:

Legislative Allowance; Recess; Interim

Description:

Authorizes an allowance to cover incidental expenses incurred by Oahu-based legislators conducting official business during certain recess periods and interim. Specifies that allowance amounts shall be jointly determined by House Speaker and Senate President.

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