



GOV. MSG. NO. 1198

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JUN 17 2022

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on JUN 17 2022 , the following bill was signed into law:

SB416 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO WITNESS FEES AND
REIMBURSEMENTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.
ACT 098

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 17 2022

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 098

S.B. NO. 416
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WITNESS FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 621-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§621-7 Fees; criminal cases. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), every witness legally required to attend a state court or grand jury in any criminal case, other than a public officer or employee, shall be entitled to \$20 for each day's attendance and a reasonable mileage fee to be established pursuant to rules adopted by the judiciary for each mile actually and necessarily traveled on the ground each way, including travel to and from the nearest airport when required to travel from another island or from outside the State.

In addition to witness' fees, every witness who attends a state court from:

(1) ~~[who attends a state court from outside]~~ Outside the State shall be entitled to the actual round-trip cost of plane travel, plus ~~[\$200]~~ \$250 per twenty-four-hour day; or



1 (2) ~~[Who attends a state court from any]~~ Any island in the
2 State other than that on which the court holds session
3 shall be entitled to the actual round-trip cost of
4 plane travel, plus \$55 per twenty-four-hour day;
5 provided that when the witness is required to stay
6 overnight, the witness shall be entitled to an
7 additional ~~[\$145]~~ \$195 per twenty-four-hour day.
8 ~~[These]~~ Any per diem ~~[payments]~~ payment made pursuant to this
9 subsection shall cover all personal expenses, ~~[such as]~~
10 including board and lodging, and shall be computed on the basis
11 of ~~[quarter-day]~~ quarter-day periods of time.

12 (b) Any police officer or other public officer or employee
13 (except the county attorney, prosecuting attorney, or deputy
14 county attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney), who attends a
15 state court as a witness from a district other than that in
16 which the court is holding session, shall be allowed the police
17 officer's, public officer's, or public employee's travel cost
18 and mileage fees as provided in this section. A public officer
19 or employee, if not salaried, shall receive witness fees.

20 (c) Every expert witness legally required to attend a
21 state court or grand jury in any criminal case, other than a



1 public officer or employee, shall be entitled to reasonable
2 applicable fees for the testimony, consultation, and preparation
3 associated with the expert witness' testimony and attendance in
4 court.

5 In addition, every expert witness who attends a state court
6 from:

7 (1) Outside the State shall be entitled to the actual
8 round-trip cost of plane travel, plus \$250 per twenty-
9 four-hour day; or

10 (2) Any island in the State other than that on which the
11 court holds session shall be entitled to the actual
12 round-trip cost of plane travel, plus \$55 per twenty-
13 four-hour day; provided that when the expert witness
14 is required to stay overnight, the expert witness
15 shall be entitled to an additional \$195 per twenty-
16 four-hour day.

17 Any per diem payment made pursuant to this subsection shall
18 cover all personal expenses, including board and lodging, and
19 shall be computed on the basis of quarter-day periods of time.

20 (d) As used in this section, "expert witness" includes any
21 witness subpoenaed on behalf of the State in a criminal case, or



1 on behalf of a defendant at the expense of the State in a
2 criminal case, who is subpoenaed for the witness' specialized
3 knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education to assist a
4 grand jury, trial jury, or judge to understand the evidence or
5 determine a fact at issue in the case."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 17 day of June , 2022


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Y. Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 416, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives