

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1299

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 6, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 396, H.D. 1,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-  
APPOINTED COUNSEL.  
**ACT 199**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 6 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 199**  
**H.B. NO.** 396  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 802-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3       "(b) The court shall determine the amount of reasonable  
4 compensation to appointed counsel, based on the rate of [~~\$90~~]  
5 \$150 an hour; provided that the maximum allowable fee shall not  
6 exceed the following schedule:

7	(1) Any felony case	[ <del>\$6,000</del> ]	<u>\$12,000</u>
8	(2) Misdemeanor case-jury trial	[ <del>3,000</del> ]	<u>\$6,000</u>
9	(3) Misdemeanor case-jury waived	[ <del>1,500</del> ]	<u>\$3,000</u>
10	(4) Appeals	[ <del>5,000</del> ]	<u>\$9,000</u>
11	(5) Petty misdemeanor case	[ <del>900</del> ]	<u>\$1,800</u>
12	(6) Any other type of administrative or		
13	judicial proceeding, including cases		
14	arising under section 571-11(1) [ <del>7</del> ] or		
15	571-14(a) (1) [ <del>7</del> ] or [ <del>571-14(a)</del> ] (2) [ <del>3,000</del> ]		<u>\$6,000.</u>

16       Payment in excess of any maximum provided for under  
17 paragraphs (1) to (6) may be made whenever the court in which



1 the representation was rendered certifies that the amount of the  
2 excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation and the  
3 payment is approved by the administrative judge of that court."

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,890,000 or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
8 2026-2027 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

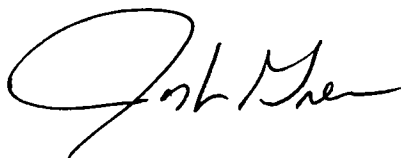
11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



H.B. NO. 396  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 396, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

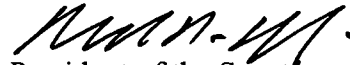



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate