

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

480

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 163
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 163
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the State or a county to reimburse a public officer or employee within thirty calendar days after a reimbursement request for work-related travel costs that the officer or employee loaned to the State or county; and
- (2) Require the State or a county to pay a percentage of interest on the total amount owed to an officer or employee until the loan is fully reimbursed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office and Department of Accounting and General Services.

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Your Committee finds that work-related travel costs for public officers and employees can unnecessarily put a financial strain on employees when the State or county does not provide reimbursement in a timely manner. Your Committee believes that this measure ensures that public officers and employees are reimbursed with interest in a reasonable time.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a Statement of Completed Travel or similar document must be submitted as the formal request for reimbursement; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 163, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 163, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,


JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 163		Committee Referral: LAB, FIN		Date: 2/6/25
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	X			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	X			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	X			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	X			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	X			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	X			
TOTAL (6)	6			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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