

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1093

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2025

RE: H.B. No. 395
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B.
No. 395, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY DUTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
amount each juror or prospective juror is paid for each day of
actual attendance at court.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Judiciary, Office of the Public Defender, Hawaii State
Bar Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that juror compensation was last
increased in 1989 from \$20 to \$30 per day. Since then, the cost
of living in the State has drastically increased. Your Committee
further finds that, by comparison, jurors who serve in the United
States District Court receive \$50 per day, with the National
Center for State Courts recommending that, at the very least,
state courts should review compensation rates in relation to the
prevailing federal rate. Your Committee believes that raising the
daily rate will provide some relief for those who serve in this
important civic duty. This measure will show the State's
appreciation and acknowledgement for the sacrifice the State's
citizenry makes to serve on a jury.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the increased amount a juror shall be paid for each day of actual attendance at court to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of April 23, 2057, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that this measure, as amended, contains an unspecified increase in the amount each juror or prospective juror is paid for each day of actual attendance at court. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider inserting an increased amount paid to each juror or prospective juror of \$75 for each day of actual attendance at court. Accounting for inflation, the current rate of \$30 that was set in 1989 adjusts to \$75, not the \$50 rate as initially proposed by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 395, HD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDC, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/13/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	4	—	1	—
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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