

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1769
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1769 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPERT WITNESS FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the allowable fees for reimbursing expert witnesses who are legally required to attend state court or grand jury criminal proceedings.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Public Defender provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting expert witness fees to reasonable fees;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 1769, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1769, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: <p style="text-align:center;">HB 1769</p>	Committee Referral: <p style="text-align:center;">JUD, FIN</p>	Date: <p style="text-align:center;">01/25/2018</p>		
<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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. LEE, Chris	/			
5. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
7. MCDERMOTT, Bob				/
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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