



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 21, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1210

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth 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 June 21, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB852 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF
CRIME.
ACT 108 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the holding in State
2 v. DeMello, 130 Hawaii 332, 310 P.3d 1033 (App. 2013), denied
3 restitution for a crime victim's wage loss on the basis that
4 "[t]here is no explicit provision in HRS §706-646 for the award
5 of lost wages as part of restitution". Although the Hawaii
6 supreme court later vacated the lower court's ruling in State v.
7 DeMello, 136 Hawaii 193, 361 P.3d 420 (2015), holding that
8 section 706-646, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is generally "broad in
9 scope" and requires restitution for lost wages through a plain
10 reading of the language, ambiguity still exists in the section
11 as to what losses are eligible for reimbursement.

12 The legislature further finds that the additional language
13 in this Act will clarify that the intent of section 706-646,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, is to reimburse crime victims fully for
15 all reasonable and verified losses resulting from a defendant's
16 offense. Nevertheless, as signaled by the use of the phrase,
17 "including but not limited to", the losses enumerated in
18 subsection (3) of section 706-646, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are



1 intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive, for purposes of
2 restitution.

3 SECTION 2. Section 706-646, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (3) to read as follows:

5 "(3) In ordering restitution, the court shall not consider
6 the defendant's financial ability to make restitution in
7 determining the amount of restitution to order. The court,
8 however, shall consider the defendant's financial ability to
9 make restitution for the purpose of establishing the time and
10 manner of payment. The court shall specify the time and manner
11 in which restitution is to be paid. While the defendant is in
12 the custody of the department of public safety, restitution
13 shall be collected pursuant to chapter 353 and any court-ordered
14 payment schedule shall be suspended. Restitution shall be a
15 dollar amount that is sufficient to reimburse any victim fully
16 for losses, including but not limited to:

17 (a) Full value of stolen or damaged property, as
18 determined by replacement costs of like property, or
19 the actual or estimated cost of repair, if repair is
20 possible;



- 1 (b) Medical expenses [~~and~~], which shall include mental
- 2 health treatment, counseling, and therapy;
- 3 (c) Funeral and burial expenses [~~incurred as a result of~~
- 4 the crime.]; and
- 5 (d) Lost earnings, which shall include paid leave."

6 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 21 day of JUN, 2019

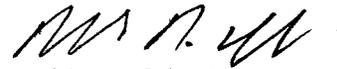


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 852, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

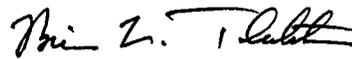
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives