

**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☐ I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.
ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE	
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	I will be attending the first meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures' ("NCSL") Pretrial Policy Fellows Program (the "Program"), which is a year-long peer-learning leadership program.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be a participant in this Program.
Date, time and location of activity.	June 17-19, 2026 Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa 2552 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, HI 96815
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	As a senator and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, I review and consider a variety of policy matters pertaining to the criminal justice system, including, but not limited to, balancing the rights of those accused with the rights of victims and the public in general. My participation in the Program will enable me to gather and collaborate with state legislators and subject matter experts on the pretrial process in general to further develop my understanding of different state approaches to pretrial practices, release and retention eligibility, conditions

	attached to pretrial release, pretrial diversion programs, and the nexus of pretrial policy and mental health issues. These discussions will inform my policy work in this area in the Massachusetts Senate on behalf of the Commonwealth and its residents.
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	National Conference of State Legislatures
Address of person or organization.	7700 E. First Place Denver, CO 80230
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> Flights: \$1,742.80
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> \$802.00 (2 nights)
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> I do not have this information at this time but will submit a reconciliation form once I receive the final amount covered.
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i> There is no cost for admission to the Program.
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	\$2,544.80
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	☐ I have attached the relevant itinerary. ☒ I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: ☒ Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND ☒ Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Employee signature:	
Date:	

	June 16, 2026
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Attach additional pages if necessary.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.



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 2552 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i
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PRETRIAL POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Pretrial Policy Fellows Program is a year-long peer-learning opportunity designed to support state legislators and legislative staff interested in policy topics related to the pretrial release process and associated research.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17	
5:30 p.m. <i>Kuhio Beach Grill Restaurant</i>	Registration Open
6 – 8 p.m. <i>Kuhio Beach Grill Restaurant</i>	Welcome Dinner Welcome remarks from former Hawai'i Pretrial Fellows and preview of programming. • Sarah Brown, NCSL • Sean Aronson, Hawai'i House of Representatives Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee • Jennifer Awong, Circuit Court of the First Circuit and Judiciary Administration

THURSDAY JUNE 18	
7 – 8 a.m. <i>Kaimuki Lanai</i>	Hot Breakfast Buffet
8 – 8:30 a.m.	Transportation to Court <i>Ka'ahumanu Hale – O'ahu First Circuit</i> <i>777 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, HI 96813</i>

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. <i>Ka'ahumanu Hale</i>	Court Observation and Discussion Observe Circuit Court arraignment and bail hearings starting at 8:30 a.m. You will also observe Drug Court and meet with Deputy Chief Circuit Court Judge Ronald Johnson and Circuit Court Judge Clarissa Malinao to answer questions and talk about Hawai'i's pretrial procedures. Jennifer Awong, Circuit Court of the First Circuit and Judiciary Administration
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch at the Court
12:30 – 1 p.m.	Transportation to Hotel <i>Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa</i> 2552 Kalākaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815
1 – 1:15 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Break
1:15 – 2:30 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Building a Better System for Pretrial Release This interactive exercise will focus on identifying elements of your ideal pretrial system. Reflect on the hearings in Hawai'i or ideas based on how the pretrial system operates in your own state. Think outside of the box about what an ideal pretrial system would look like. Lisel Petis, R Street Institute
2:30 – 2:45 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Break
2:45 – 4 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Basics of Bail: The Legal Framework of Pretrial Release Learn about the legal principles that form the baseline for all pretrial policies and explore how state legal frameworks differ across the country and impact pretrial practices. - Matt Alsdorf, Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) - Amber Widgery, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
Evening	Dinner on Own

FRIDAY JUNE 19	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. <i>Kaimuki Lanai</i>	Hot Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Pretrial Release and Detention Learn about different state approaches to release and detention eligibility, including constitutional frameworks, state statutes and how the law guides court decision-making, including the use of risk assessment tools. - Matt Alsdorf, CEPP - Amber Widgery, NCSL

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Conditions of Release: What We Know About What Works Learn about the legislative role in setting conditions of pretrial release. You will also hear an overview of the latest research on how conditions of pretrial release are connected (or not) to pretrial success. • Matt Alsdorf, CEPP • Amber Widgery, NCSL
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Break
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Mental Health Roundtable This discussion-based session will be an opportunity to think through the nexus of pretrial policy and mental health. What are the challenges or barriers and are there opportunities for improvement? • Lisel Petis, R Street Institute
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. <i>Kaimuki Lanai</i>	Hot Lunch Buffet
12:45 – 1:45 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Where Do We Go from Here? This will be an interactive session focused on generating ideas, developing priorities and thinking about pretrial issues in your home state. • Lisel Petis, R Street Institute
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Break
2:15 – 3:30 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Pretrial Diversion: Women's Court Pilot Program – Hawai'i Learn about pretrial diversion opportunities across the country and hear from representatives of the local Women's Court Pilot program. • Jennifer Awong, Circuit Court of the First Circuit and Judiciary Administration • Judge Trish Morikawa, First Circuit District Court Judge
3:30 – 4 p.m. <i>Kaimuki 1</i>	Wrap Up and Topics for Future Meetings • Alison Lawrence, NCSL

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