A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOCUMENTS SEALED UPON FILING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 560, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately 3 designated and to read as follows: 4 "\$560:1- Documents sealed upon filing. In any action 5 or proceeding under this chapter in the circuit court having 6 jurisdiction in matters relating to the affairs of decedents, 7 the following documents shall be sealed upon filing: 8 (1) Birth certificate; 9 (2) Marriage certificate; 10 (3) Death certificate; 11 (4)Tax return; 12 (5) Kokua kanawai's report; 13 (6) Court-ordered professional evaluation; and 14 (7) Responses and objections to a kokua kanawai's report 15 or a professional evaluation. 16 The foregoing documents shall remain sealed unless otherwise 17 ordered by the court; provided that the clerk, without further

- 1 court order, may unseal and provide a copy of a report or
- 2 evaluation pursuant to section 560:5-307 or 560:5-407."
- 3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Documents Sealed Upon Filing; Circuit Court; Decedent Affairs

Description:

Requires certain documents to be sealed upon filing in any action or proceeding in the circuit court having jurisdiction in matters relating to the affairs of decedents. Effective 01/01/07.