Honolulu, Hawaii

## FEB 2 8 2013

RE: S.B. No. 891

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 891 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTARIES PUBLIC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the regulation of notaries by:

- (1) Requiring a notary public to include the notary public's commission number on the notary public's stamp or seal; and
- (2) Authorizing the Attorney General, by rulemaking, to adjust fees for the issuance and renewal of the original commission and to establish and adjust other fees.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that inclusion of the notary public's commission number on the notary public's stamp or seal will serve numerous purposes, including the deterrence of fraudulent use of notary stamps or seals, ascertaining the identity of the notary public, tracking the notary public, and assisting in locating the record books of the notary public. In addition, establishing and adjusting fees through rulemaking will allow the Attorney General to adequately fund the notary public program without having to seek a statutory amendment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 891 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y. IGE Chai

## The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM			Date: 2-14-13	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		V		1.	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		V			-
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			
ESPERO, Will					
KAHELE, Gilbert			-		
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		V			
THIELEN, Laura H.		V_			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	<u></u>				·
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
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