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1 (2) Any religious society not having clergy but providing
2 solemnization in accordance with the rules and customs
3 of that society~~[, or any]~~;

4 (3) Any justice or judge or magistrate, active or retired,
5 of a state or federal court in the State~~[,]~~; or

6 (4) Any civil celebrant,
7 upon presentation to ~~[such]~~ the person or society solemnizing
8 the marriage of a license to marry, as prescribed by this
9 chapter. ~~[Such]~~ The person or society solemnizing the marriage
10 may receive the price stipulated by the parties or the
11 gratification tendered.

12 (b) As used in this section, "civil celebrant" means a
13 member of a secular or non-religious organization who is
14 authorized by the organization to solemnize marriages."

15 SECTION 3. Section 572B-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

17 "(b) Any judge or retired judge, including a federal judge
18 or judge of another state who may legally join persons in
19 ~~[chapter 572]~~ a marriage or [a] civil union, may solemnize a
20 civil union. Any clergy, minister, priest, rabbi, or officer of
21 any religious denomination or society who has been ordained or



1 is authorized to solemnize civil unions according to the usages
 2 of [~~sueh~~] the denomination or society, or any religious society
 3 not having clergy but providing solemnization in accordance with
 4 the rules and customs of that society, may solemnize a civil
 5 union. Any civil celebrant, as defined in section 572-12, may
 6 solemnize a civil union."

PART III

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Marriages; Civil Unions; Solemnizations; Wedding Performers;
Civil Celebrants

Description:

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