STAND. COM. REP. NO. 762

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 3 2023

RE: S.B. No. 828 S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 828, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the certification of documents.

Specifically, the measure:

- Establishes a fee, to be assessed by the Lieutenant Governor, for the issuance of apostilles or non-apostille certifications;
- (2) Establishes an apostilles and certifications special fund, from which moneys may be expended for certain operational expenses; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys into and out of the apostilles and certifications special fund for operational expenses relating to the purposes of the measure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



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Your Committee finds that each year, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor provides thousands of authentications for public and general documents that fall within the scope of this measure. These documents include certain powers of attorney, marriage certificates, birth certificates, divorce decrees, wills, judgments, agreements, and transcripts. Your Committee finds that this measure would help provide the Office with funding necessary to improve its efficiency in processing these documents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including legislative appropriations as a funding source for the apostilles and certifications special fund; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 828, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 828, S.D. 2.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Cha



The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended X Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X	İ		
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X		<u> </u>	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
KIM, Donna Mercado		× × × ×			
LEE, Chris		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			
TOTAL		13			
Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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