

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS.

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

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	APOSTILLES AND CERTIFICATIONS
6	<b>§ -1 Definitions.</b> As used in this chapter, unless the
7	context otherwise requires:
8	"Apostille" means a certification issued to authenticate
9	documents pursuant to the Hague Treaty.
10	"Hague Treaty" refers to the convention, adopted in the
11	Hague in 1961, that created a simplified form of document
12	certification for countries that joined the convention.
13	"Non-apostille certification" means a certification issued
14	by the lieutenant governor to authenticate a document for a
15	country that does not recognize the Hague Treaty.



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1 S -2 Fee. (a) The lieutenant governor shall assess a 2 fee of \$10 for each apostille or non-apostille certification 3 issued. 4 (b) Moneys collected for the issuance of apostilles or 5 non-apostille certifications shall be deposited into the 6 apostilles and certifications special fund established pursuant 7 to section -3. 8 S -3 Apostilles and certifications special fund; 9 established. (a) There is established the apostilles and 10 certifications special fund, which shall be administered by the 11 office of the lieutenant governor. 12 (b) The following shall be deposited into the special 13 fund: 14 (1) All fees assessed for the issuance of apostilles and 15 non-apostille certifications pursuant to 16 section -2; and 17 (2) Any interest earned or accrued on moneys in the 18 special fund. 19 (C) The office of the lieutenant governor may expend 20 moneys in the apostilles and certifications special fund for operational expenses, including postage and supplies." 21



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1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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**Report Title:** Apostilles; Certifications; Fees; Special Fund

### Description:

Increases the fee for the issuance of an apostille or certification to \$10. Establishes the apostilles and certifications special fund. Authorizes the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to expend moneys in the fund for operational expenses.

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