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# 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 § -1 Definitions. 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.



1           §   -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           §   -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



1 operational expenses, including but not limited to postage and  
2 supplies."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the apostilles and  
4 certifications special fund the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
6 operational expenses of the office of the lieutenant governor.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
8 lieutenant governor for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Apostilles; Certifications; Fees; Special Fund; Appropriation

**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. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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