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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.
- "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 § -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
- 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
- 21 operational expenses, including postage and supplies."

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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