

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 964
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 964, H.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:

- (1) Increase the fee for the issuance of an apostille or non-apostille certification to \$10;
- (2) Establish the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund; and
- (3) Authorize the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to expend moneys in the fund for operational expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Department of Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Lieutenant Governor provides approximately seven thousand five hundred authentication services for all public and general documents annually. Authenticated



documents include powers of attorney, marriage or birth certificates, divorce decrees, probated and un-probated wills, and other documents. The current system used for authentication is archaic as the system is unable to accept web-based payment such as credit cards, requiring requestors to send \$1 in cash or cashier's check. Additionally, requestors who live outside of the United States are unable to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with American postage, creating additional postage costs for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This measure updates the current document certification process to ensure the timely processing and delivery of documents for Hawaii's people.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 904 HD1	Committee Referral: GVO, WAM	Date: 03-16-23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	—	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes