

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3266**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2480
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 2480, 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) Require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds into and out of the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund.

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

Your Committee finds that apostilles are critical to authenticate and certify documents, such as birth and marriage certificates, divorce decrees, powers of attorney, and un-probated wills, for use in foreign countries. Your Committee notes that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor processes nearly eleven thousand apostilles annually and it is currently unable to accept credit card or web-based payment to authenticate documents. The



office also shoulders the cost of mailing back documents to the applicants if there are errors, or if applicants are living abroad and are unable to purchase U.S. postage for a self-addressed stamped envelope for the office to use. This measure will promote efficiency by providing a funding mechanism for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to fund operational and administrative expenses of the apostille and certification of document services, including modernization of the process, postage, and supplies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2491, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2480, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.

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 2480 HD1	Committee Referral: GVO, WAM/JDC	Date: March 19, 2024		
<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	5	—	—	—
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