## 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.
16	<b>§ -2 Fee.</b> (a) The office of the lieutenant governor
17	shall charge and collect a fee for each apostille or non-

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apostille certification issued. The office of the lieutenant 1 2 governor shall establish fees pursuant to section -4. 3 (b) Moneys collected for the issuance of apostilles or non-apostille certifications shall be deposited into the 4 5 apostilles and certifications special fund established pursuant 6 to section --3. 7 S -3 Apostilles and certifications special fund; 8 established. (a) There is established in the state treasury 9 the apostilles and certifications special fund, which shall be 10 administered by the office of the lieutenant governor. 11 (b) The following shall be deposited into the special 12 fund: All fees collected pursuant to section 13 (1)-2; 14 Any interest earned or accrued on moneys in the (2)15 special fund; and 16 (3) Moneys appropriated by the legislature. 17 (C) The office of the lieutenant governor may expend 18 moneys in the apostilles and certifications special fund for 19 operational and administrative expenses of the apostille and 20 certification of document services, including but not limited to 21 modernization, postage, and supplies.

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\$ -4 Rules. The office of the lieutenant governor shall
adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this chapter,
including setting a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a
non-apostille certification."

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000 or so much 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be 8 deposited into the apostilles and certifications special fund 9 established pursuant to section -3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. 10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the apostilles and 11 certifications special fund established pursuant to 12 section -3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$12,000 or so 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for 14 operational and administrative expenses of the apostille and 15 certification of document services.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the 17 lieutenant governor for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of 19 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93, 20 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the 21 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state



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1	general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
2	exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
3	appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
4	expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
5	exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
6	amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
7	two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
8	for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
9	\$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
10	general fund expenditure ceiling are that:
11	(1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
12	serve the public interest; and
13	(2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
14	addressed by this Act.
15	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



#### Report Title:

Apostilles; Certifications; Fees; Special Fund; Appropriation

#### Description:

Establishes the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund. Requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification by administrative rules. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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