## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CHILD-CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 583A-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "[{] §583A-105[}] International application of chapter.
- 4 (a) A court of this State shall treat a foreign country as if
- 5 it were a state of the United States for the purpose of applying
- 6 parts I and II.
- 7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c)  $[\tau]$  or
- 8 (d), a child-custody determination made in a foreign country
- 9 under factual circumstances in substantial conformity with the
- 10 jurisdictional standards of this chapter shall be recognized and
- 11 enforced under part III.
- 12 (c) A court of this State need not apply this chapter if
- 13 the child-custody law of a foreign country violates fundamental
- 14 principles of human rights.
- 15 (d) A court of the State need not apply this chapter if
- 16 the child-custody law of a foreign country holds that apostasy,

- 1 a sincerely held religious belief or practice, or homosexuality
- 2 are punishable by death, and a parent or child demonstrates risk
- 3 of being subject to the law. For the purposes of this
- 4 subsection, "apostasy" means the abandonment or renunciation of
- 5 a religious or political belief."
- 6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on March 22, 2075.

## Report Title:

Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; Foreign Court; Family Court; Apostasy; Religion; Homosexuality; Capital Punishment; Application

## Description:

Allows state courts discretion to not enforce a child-custody determination of a foreign country if the child-custody law of the foreign country imposes capital punishment for apostasy, religious or political beliefs, or homosexuality, and a parent or child demonstrates risk of being subject to the law. Defines "apostasy". Takes effect 03/22/2075. (SD1)

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