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**GOV. MSG. NO. 1330**

July 7, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2223 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO CHANGE OF NAME  
**ACT 220 (14)**

*Aloha*  
Sir,  
*Neil Abercrombie*

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHANGE OF NAME.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 574-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) It shall be unlawful to change any name adopted or  
4 conferred under this chapter, except:

5 (1) Upon an order of the lieutenant governor;

6 (2) By a final order, decree, or judgment of the family  
7 court issued as follows:

8 (A) When in an adoption proceeding a change of name  
9 of the person to be adopted is requested and the  
10 court includes the change of name in the adoption  
11 decree;

12 (B) When in a divorce proceeding either party to the  
13 proceeding requests to [~~resume~~]:

14 (i) Resume the middle name or names and the last  
15 name used by the party prior to the marriage  
16 or civil union or a middle name or names and  
17 last name declared and used during any prior  
18 marriage or civil union and the court



1 includes the change of names in the divorce  
2 decree; or

3 (ii) Change the name of a minor child of one or  
4 more of the parties if the court determines  
5 that the change of name is in the child's  
6 best interest; or

7 (C) When in a proceeding for a change of name of a  
8 legitimate or legitimated minor initiated by one  
9 parent, the family court, upon proof that the  
10 parent initiating the name change has made all  
11 reasonable efforts to locate and notify the other  
12 parent of the name change proceeding but has not  
13 been able to locate, notify, or elicit a response  
14 from the other parent, and after an appropriate  
15 hearing, orders a change of name determined to be  
16 in the best interests of the minor; provided that  
17 the family court may waive the notice requirement  
18 to the noninitiating, noncustodial parent where  
19 the court finds that the waiver is necessary for  
20 the protection of the minor;

21 (3) Upon marriage or civil union pursuant to section  
22 574-1;

- 1 (4) Upon legitimation pursuant to section 338-21; or
- 2 (5) By an order or decree of any court of competent
- 3 jurisdiction within any state of the United States,
- 4 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
- 5 Rico, or any territory or possession of the United
- 6 States, changing the name of a person born in this
- 7 State.

8 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no person who is a  
 9 covered offender subject to the registration requirements of  
 10 section 846E-2 may obtain a name change, other than as provided  
 11 in paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5), unless a court determines  
 12 that it is in the best interest of justice to grant the petition  
 13 and that doing so will not adversely affect the public safety."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUL, 2014



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII