



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2446, RELATING TO NOTARY PUBLIC FEES.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2016 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY. For more information, call Shari Wong or Bryan Yee, Deputy Attorneys General at 586-1180.

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General takes no position on the proposed increases but offers the following information for your consideration.

This bill increases the fees notaries are allowed to charge customers. Most of the fees are doubled from \$5 to \$10. However, three increases raise the fee from \$5 to \$25, a significant amount far above the norm. Although fees for certain specific notarial acts may vary slightly within a given state, our research shows that seventeen states generally allow notaries to charge customers \$5 for a notarial act. Six states allow notaries to charge \$10 or up to \$10, and seven states have no set fee in their statutes. The remaining nineteen states allow notaries to charge customers fees less than \$5.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide these comments.