

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

462

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 964

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 964 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fee for the issuance of an apostille or certification from \$1 to \$10;
- (2) Establish the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund; and
- (3) Authorize the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to expend monies in the fund for operational expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that as Secretary of State, the Lieutenant Governor annually provides approximately seven thousand five hundred authentication services for all public and general

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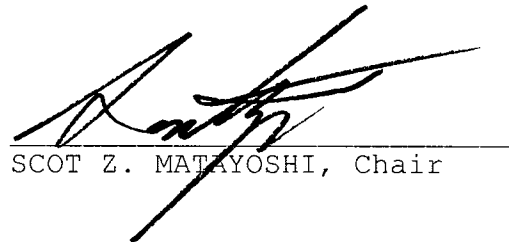
documents that are used overseas, including powers of attorney, marriage certificates, birth certificates, divorce decrees, wills, judgments, agreements, and transcripts. Passage of this measure will ensure that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has sufficient funding to execute its constitutional obligations without burdening the state treasury.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing for an appropriation out of the special fund for operational expenses of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 964, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Government
Operations,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Government Operations

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 964	Committee Referral: LGO, FIN	Date: 2/9/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LGO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (VC)	✓			
3. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
4. MARTINEZ, Rose	✓			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
6. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
7. ALCOS III, David	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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