
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.



1 **§ -2 Fee.** (a) The lieutenant governor shall assess a
2 fee of \$ for each apostille or non-apostille
3 certification issued.

4 (b) Moneys collected for the issuance of apostilles or
5 non-apostille certifications shall be deposited into the
6 apostilles and certifications special fund established pursuant
7 to section -3.

8 **§ -3 Apostilles and certifications special fund;**
9 **established.** (a) There is established the apostilles and
10 certifications special fund, which shall be administered by the
11 office of the lieutenant governor.

12 (b) The following shall be deposited into the special
13 fund:

14 (1) All fees assessed for the issuance of apostilles and
15 non-apostille certifications pursuant to

16 section -2;

17 (2) Any interest earned or accrued on moneys in the
18 special fund; and

19 (3) Moneys appropriated by the legislature.



1 (c) The office of the lieutenant governor may expend
2 moneys in the apostilles and certifications special fund for
3 operational expenses, including postage and supplies."

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
8 2024-2025 to be deposited into the apostilles and certifications
9 special fund.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the apostilles and
11 certifications special fund the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2024-2025 for operational expenses.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Apostilles; Certifications; Fees; Special Fund; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes a fee for the issuance of an apostille or certification. Establishes the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund. Authorizes the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to expend moneys in the fund for operational expenses. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2112. (SD2)

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