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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1377 by Staples (Relating to the maximum amount of certain fees imposed by the secretary of state in connection with the adoption of a child in another country.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1377, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$368,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$184,000)
2007	(\$184,000)
2008	(\$184,000)
2009	(\$184,000)
2010	(\$184,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2006	(\$184,000)
2007	(\$184,000)
2008	(\$184,000)
2009	(\$184,000)
2010	(\$184,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Government Code to limit the amount the Secretary of State can charge for issuance of apostilles requested for use in proceedings related to the adoption of a child in another country. The bill would authorize a maximum total charge of \$100, regardless of the number of apostilles requested for the adoption of a child.

Methodology

The estimate is based on the number of apostilles issued on an annual basis for adoptions (36,800) at a charge of \$10 per apostille. The analysis assumes a current average cost of \$200 for apostilles per adoption, which generates approximately \$368,000 in revenue. With a maximum charge of \$100 for apostilles per adoption, revenue generated would be reduced to approximately \$184,000 annually.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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