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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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1377, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$1,465,100 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	\$732,550
2007	\$732,550
2008	\$732,550
2009	\$732,550
2010	\$732,550

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Probable Revenue Gain from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	(\$184,000)	\$916,550
2007	(\$184,000)	\$916,550
2008	(\$184,000)	\$916,550
2009	(\$184,000)	\$916,550
2010	(\$184,000)	\$916,550

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Government Code to increase by \$5 the fee the Secretary of State charges for official certificates.

The bill would 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 to \$10. The bill would also authorize a maximum total charge of \$100, regardless of the number of apostilles requested for the adoption of a child.

Methodology

The estimate for the revenue gain is a based on the number of official certificates issued in 2004 (183,310) multiplied by the \$5 fee increase.

The estimate for the revenue loss is based on the number of apostilles issued in 2004 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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