STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3406**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2400

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2400 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR ACQUISITION OF WAIMEA VALLEY, OAHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$1,600,000 to assist in the purchase and preservation of Waimea Valley on the island of Oahu.

Your Committee finds that Waimea Valley is one of the few remaining intact ahupua`a on the island of Oahu and remains a rich and sacred cultural, historic, and aesthetic resource for the entire State. This measure permits the State to contribute money toward the purchase of Waimea Valley by a consortium of nonprofit and government entities that includes the United States Army, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the City and County of Honolulu, and the National Audubon Society.

Your Committee was told by the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources that the mediator in the condemnation lawsuit brought by the city and county of Honolulu needs this bill passed to close the transaction. The Chairperson also requested that the bill pass unamended.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2400, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Ways and Means (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HB 2400	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date:	3/31/06	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is to:				
Pass, unamended (2312)	Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2311) (2310) (2313)			
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)				
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				
ESPERO, Will				
FUKUNAGA, Carol				
HOOSER, Gary L.				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				
KANNO, Brian				
KIM, Donna Mercado				
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				
SAKAMOTO, Norman				
HEMMINGS, Fred				
SLOM, Sam				
TRIMBLE, Gordon				<u> </u>
TOTAL	II	0	0	4
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.