STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3016

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2006

RE:

H.B. No. 2540

H.D. 2

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INCREASING STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEER PRECINCT OFFICIALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to increase volunteer precinct official stipends.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections, the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, the Office of the City Clerk for the City and County of Honolulu, the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Kauai, the Association of Clerks and Election Officers of Hawaii, and the League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in order to encourage participation, an appropriation should be made to increase volunteer precinct official stipends. Your Committee further clarifies that precinct officials are volunteers and the stipend they receive is not to be considered a salary but is to reimburse volunteer precinct officials for their out-of-pocket expenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure to include an appropriation of \$96,542 in accordance with the testimony provided by the State of Hawaii Office of Elections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HB 2540 HD2	JHW, WAM	Date:	3/17	106
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)			Recommit (2313)	
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
HANABUSA, Colleen (C)				
HEE, Clayton (VC)				
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				
IHARA, Jr., Les				
WHALEN, Paul				
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TOTAL	6	0	0	0
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.