STAND. COM. REP. NO. 213

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3040

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 S.B. No. 3040 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO EXCESS REVENUES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution relating to excess state revenue.

Specifically, the measure proposes to amend article VII, section 6, of the state constitution to provide that whenever the general fund balance, at the close of two successive fiscal years, exceeds five per cent of general fund revenues, the Legislature, in its next regular session, shall have, as an alternative to refunding or crediting an amount to state taxpayers, the authority to deposit the amount that would have been refunded or credited into the emergency and budget reserve fund.

Your Committee finds that the measure will provide the Legislature with the necessary flexibility to determine the best way to dispose of excess revenue.

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 S.B. No. 3040 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Çhai

## The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

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

Measure:*	Committee Referrat:	Date:	
SB 3040	JHW, WAM 2/24/06		124/06
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 (2311)	Hold (2310)	Recommit (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			
KłM, Donna Mercado			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.			
SAKAMOTO, Norman			
HEMMINGS, Fred			/
SLOM, Sam			/
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/
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TOTAL	9	0	3 3
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
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