STAND. COM. REP. NO. **936**

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 0 2 2007

RE: S.B. No. 323 S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 323, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to remove the expenditure ceiling from the high technology special fund and to require that administrative and fiscal positions of the High Technology Development Corporation be funded from the general fund, and not the special fund.

Furthermore, this measure appropriates general funds for the administrative and fiscal positions of the High Technology Development Corporation and for the Hawaii small business innovation research grant program.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Office of Technology Transfer and Economic Development at the University of Hawaii, High Development Corporation, 21st. Century Systems, Ambient Micro LLC, Applied Marine Solutions, Archinoetics LLC, Cardax Pharmaceuticals, Geo Recovery Hawaii Inc., Hawaii Aquaculture Association, Hawaii and Pacific Operations, Hawaii Science and Technology Council, High Health Aquaculture, Kuehnle AgroSystems Company LLC., Neptune Technologies Inc., Oceanit, Pacific Sun Energy Corporation, Quantum Leap Interactive, SEE/RESCUE Corporation, Trex Hawaii LLC., and Umikoa Ranch. Your Committee received comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and

Finance. The Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to provide continued support for Hawaii's high technology businesses. Removing the expenditure ceiling from the special fund and requiring certain positions of the development corporation to be funded through general funds will increase the capability and resources of the development corporation in meeting the high technology needs of the State.

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. 323, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)					
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
HOOSER, Gary L.					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
MENOR, Ron					/
TOKUDA, JIII N.					
HEMMINGS, Fred					
WHALEN, Paul			kon ta na ilitara jako akkaika as a.		
TOTAL		9	0	0	2
Recommendation: Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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