STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1462

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 3 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1287

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 H.B. No. 1287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal section 523A-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires that unclaimed property permanently escheat to the State after being held for a period of two to six years.

Your Committee received no comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that section 523A-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in 1996. However, the law has never been enforced because, according to the Department of Budget and Finance, it conflicts with the State's Unclaimed Property Program. Under that program, the State serves as the custodian of unclaimed property in perpetuity, thereby allowing the rightful property owners to claim their property without time constraints.

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. 1287, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN (H). BAKER,

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date: 3 28 07	
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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.				1159 (20. 153) (30. 16) 21 (21. 16) (31. 16)
KIM, Donna Mercado				
MENOR, Ron				
TOKUDA, Jill N.				
HEMMINGS, Fred				
WHALEN, Paul				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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