

## TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, convened at 12:03 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Kahu Derek Napoleon of One Love Ministries, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representative Fukumoto, who was excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Day was deferred.

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 435) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 435, transmitting S.C.R. No. 24, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 19 AS HAWAII CELEBRATING WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY," which was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2018.

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the Members of the House:

Representative Mizuno introduced visitors from the American Physical Therapy Association: Mr. Gregg Pacillio, Hawaii Chapter President; Ms. Joanne Zazzera, Legislative Chair; Mr. Justin Ledbetter, Legislative Day Event Chair; and Ms. Joy Gold, Hawaii Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association representative.

Representative Belatti, on behalf of Speaker Saiki, introduced KUPU students: William Palu, Jonathan Velles-Lumoya, Pualani Diana-Matautia, Kyle Tagawa, Dadon Throman, Marlin Sylvester and Justin Holmberg; and teachers, Manning Taite III and Nicolas Steinemann.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:32 o'clock p.m.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Ward and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering a certain House Bill for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Fukumoto, LoPresti and Yamashita were excused.)

## THIRD READING

**H.B. No. 1900, HD 1:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 1900, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Luke rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to speak in favor of House Bill 1900, House Draft 1. First and foremost, I wanted to thank the Finance staff who are here, and if I could recognize them at this time, and if the members could hold your applause until I recognize everyone who is up there. First up is Albert Vargas, who is the budget chief, Julie Yang, the budget supervisor, Riley Fujisaki, who is the special assistant to the deputy decision-maker,

that's what he wants to be known as, Melanie Carlile, Jordan Alonzo, Katey Peck, Lexie Leventis, and in the front office it's Suhyeon Burns, Kai Kojimoto, Victoria Tyrell, and Nandana Kalupahana, who is hiding in the back. Stand up, Nan. So, if we could thank them for their hard work. Thank you, you may be seated.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor, and I want to thank the subject-matter chairs for looking into the budget this year, and also the committee members. We spent a lot of time going through the line items in the budget, and they are very thorough and ask a lot of questions, and through our internal discussion, we have made additional decisions on what to do with the budget. And so, I really want to thank the members of the Finance Committee, if you could give yourselves a hand. And of course, Vice Chair, my trusted companion. He keeps me stable and grounded, and we have a lot of discussion on what to do with not just the budget, but the bills as well. So, special *mahalo* to the Vice Chair.

"Mr. Speaker, when the Governor submitted his budget this year, there were two troubling things. First is the fact that there was a \$48 million miscalculation for the unfunded liability, and we are thankful that he has caught the mistake and sent us a Governor's message in mid-February, correcting a \$48 million mistake. In addition to that, the Governor's budget and the financial plan depends on annual new taxes collected from short-term rentals, including Airbnb and VRBO, in the amount of \$67 million.

"But there is no bill currently in the Legislature which would collect \$67 million worth of new taxes, and in spite of the claim by the administration that they are working with us on a bill, that is not true. We are not working on, the House and the Senate and the administration is not working on any bill. So I don't want people to come to us and the Finance members and say, okay, what bill are you working on? So I just wanted to dispel those issues.

"And because of that, the Finance Committee, in dealing with this budget and the various bills, first had the challenge of trying to balance a six-year budget plan, in spite of the over \$100 million worth of *puka* in the administration's financial plan. So because of that, we made some changes and tweaks and made sure that the House sent over to the Senate a budget that balances that for the next six years, and I'm thankful for the members and their understanding for them to recognize this and then make those difficult choices. Can somebody yield their time?"

Representative Cullen rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Luke continued, stating:

"Thank you very much. And so, even with that, we are hopeful that when the Council on Revenues meet again tomorrow, because we have also been tracking the tax collections, that they will be looking at the positive impact of various activities going on in our economy. So I'm hopeful that the Council on Revenues will increase their projection, which will put the Senate in a good position receiving this budget and hopefully working with the new Council on Revenues' projections.

"So I wanted to just quickly go through some of the things that are in the budget today, which were not part of the Governor's request. So these are important to highlight, because these are some of the things that the various Finance members picked up, or various chairs have requested. And through the budget, this is really setting the vision of the Legislature. So I wanted to highlight that the PISCES funding, this is something that we need to continue to look forward to, and I know the Hawaii Kai Representative is a strong supporter of PISCES and aerospace. So it was important that the Finance Committee recognize that, and put in \$150,000 for PISCES aerospace program, which was not in the Governor's budget.

"Also, in the Governor's budget, they had requested \$500,000 for what's known as small business innovation research grants, but instead of the \$500,000, we have put in \$2 million, because if there's anywhere we can help the high-tech industry to increase and grow, it's this program, and \$500,000 is not going to be sufficient. So we felt \$2 million would continue to support the high-tech industry for the future of the State.

"For Department of Education, Teach For America and Alternative Teacher Route is an important program which supports teachers in tough-to-fill and rural areas. And in the base budget it was only \$200,000, which was increased by the Legislature to \$870,000. That in itself is still not enough, because we still have a teacher shortage, especially in the rural areas. So this budget includes \$1.3 million in Alternative Teacher Route Program.

"In addition to that, we have looked at the various needs of our hospitals, and we felt that the Hilo Medical Center needed additional assistance to ensure that people who have heart problems need a cardiac care unit in Hilo so they don't have to fly to Oahu, especially in these life and death situations. So the House committee has decided to put an additional \$1.5 million for the Hilo Medical Center.

"For parks, the Finance Committee has visited the needs that are in the Kauai state parks, especially, and the needs of all the parks around the state. So as opposed to the two positions requested in the Governor's budget, we felt that was not sufficient, so in this budget we will be allocating 10 positions for state parks across the state in the amount of \$188,000.

"In addition to that, Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death has been a huge negative impact on the island of Hawaii, and so in order to combat that, an additional \$800,000 to combat the spread of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. And I also wanted to highlight some of the capital improvement projects for ohana zones, \$30 million has been allotted in this bill, and whether it's called ohana zones, I know members have caught this too, whether it's called ohana zones or Pu'uohonua Village, we are trying to make sure that through this bill we recognize the importance of providing these infrastructure for homeless individuals, and this budget provides that funding, in addition to that \$35 million additional for affordable housing."

Representative Nakashima rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Luke continued, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, as you know, because the State of Hawaii is one of the only states where the State has jurisdiction over various schools, it's not the counties. So the counties provide permitting and building permits to build all these homes and subdivisions, and what do they forget? They forget to build schools, and that's why we have overcrowding in Campbell, we have big problems on the neighbor islands, we have problems in Ewa side. So this is what we get, because there is very little coordination between what's the need for the schools versus building new homes. So because of that, every year we're always doing catchup.

"I'm happy to announce that this budget bill provides \$13 million for phase two construction of new East Kapolei Middle School, \$10 million for design and construction of a new intermediate school at Kahului, Maui, \$20 million for phase one of new classroom building at Waipahu High School, \$2 million for design of new classroom at Paia Elementary, \$60 million for Pohukaina Elementary. In addition to that, it provides substantial funds for various libraries, including \$2.5 million for a new library at Kapaa Elementary, \$300,000 for a new library at Keaau and Mountainview, and \$1.9 million for land acquisition for Waikaloa Library.

"One of the things that the Finance Committee has tackled for the last six years is the vacancy. The number of vacancies still in state government is not something that we would like. This year, we have cut, through this budget, 203 vacancies, and these vacant positions have been vacant for over a year and a half. So 203 positions would yield about \$10 million. This is \$10 million that should be spent to hire important personnel, including healthcare personnel, invasive species personnel, and we want to continue to work with the departments to fill these vacancies.

"The other trend that we need to be watchful of is various programs that are supported by special funds that need to be converted through general funds. So, as an example, a few years ago we have converted the Environmental Health Administration Division in Department of Health, because they were running out of barrel fund. The worst that we can do is say, okay, we're running out of barrel fund for this agency, so we're going

to increase barrel, and that wouldn't be a good approach. So we converted that whole agency to general funds. So we've seen that over the years.

"So campaign spending, campaign spending was running out of money, and we don't want campaign spending to go and say, okay we're going to fine a bunch of people and then so we're going to support our program. So instead of that, we made an effort to convert campaign spending from special funds to general funds.

"Well, we're seeing that again. So with HTDC, HTDC is being kicked out of Manoa Innovation, so what happens? They said, okay, we're going to come in for general funds. And so the Governor's message has contemplated that, but that's something that the Finance Committee members and the Finance staff has known and anticipated. And so what we would like to urge the administration is to be proactive. When you know these things are coming up, don't do it when it's too late.

"So I can give you another example, the Energy Office, there was an audit from the Energy Office saying that they're going to run out of money next year. Well, if you're going to run out of money, what's going to happen next year? They're going to come down with something similar like this again. Well, the request to the administration is look at restructuring the Energy Office and look at some of the things that they're doing. The Auditor's Office criticized them for being too active on the dockets. Well, restructure that and do it as an opportunity to figure out what service the Energy Office is going to provide, as opposed to waiting and giving us no choice but to just give them general funds. So that is going to be something in the future."

Representative Belatti rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Luke continued, stating:

"Another example would be cigarette tax. Because the State has done a good job in cutting or reducing cigarette smoking, okay, all these programs that are attached to cigarette tax and tobacco tax, the result cannot be, we want to tax cigarettes more to support these programs. We have to change that mentality. The approach should be, well if we're doing a good job in preventing people from smoking, then we should use that and then turn them into general funds, as opposed to the initial knee-jerk reaction to be, okay we're going to raise more cigarette tax so that we can support these programs.

"It's almost as if the way we do business is backwards thinking. We need to change this approach. We need to be proactive. We have to seek out opportunities where we can restructure government as opposed to doing the same ole, same ole way.

"So with that I would like to close and thank you again for all your support, and thank you again for the Finance Committee staff and for the members for giving me this opportunity to speak on the budget in support. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. Mr. Speaker, you've heard a very, very, very comprehensive overview of the budget. I've never seen the Chair speak as long as she has just completed. And in some ways, I'm going to be redundant as if I looked over at her speech and I adopted a few of the things, and maybe I've added a couple of things in addition to her not mentioning it.

"But what we did in the Finance Committee is what the people of Hawaii do at the kitchen table, Mr. Speaker, they balance the budget. Even though sometimes there are mistakes, and I think the Finance Chair pointed out very astutely, the Governor messed up in a couple of places where there's \$67 million and \$45 million that were out of place. So that was a corrective measure that made sense, but let me focus on what I find the most interesting and that I think we need to highlight.

"First on the economic diversification, Mr. Speaker. For decades, this floor, the Senate floor has talked about diversification. We are on the precipice of doing that. And I thank the Chair for the \$150,000 and the mention of PISCES, because right now, Mr. Speaker, space travel is going

to be a new industry, and it's going to be privatized. The \$150,000 that the Chair restored in PISCES reinvigorates an industry which, now with the head of PISCES, Henk Rogers, we have a really strong possibility of getting into the fast lane.

"Henk Rogers hangs around with Jeff Bezos, he hangs around with the Gates, and all the big wheelers who are going to get into space big time, Elon Musk for example. But as I mentioned in the Finance Committee, I will mention here so my colleagues know. Henk Rogers is the chair of PISCES. He's not going to put up with a lot of bureaucratic, slow lane nonsense, Mr. Speaker. We need to let him calibrate his vehicle at a pace that makes sense with what's going on in the private sector. He just came back from Tokyo, he was at the European Space Agency presenting the Hawaii case just a few weeks ago. He knows what's going on, but DBEDT needs to get in step with them. It's not a warning, but it's saying that if we lose the space race, because we are the most ideally situated in the world, we will have really lost a big diversification of the economy. And space exploration is going to be big time, Mr. Speaker.

"The other thing I would point out that the Chair didn't is that the people of Hawaii saved \$39 million by taking the DOT tram out of the airport, so when you come to the arrivals and then you go to get your rental car, which is only about 300 yards away, they were going to put in a tram. Mr. Speaker, that is not wise use of taxpayers' money. So I commend the Chair for that, and I think it's astute, balancing the budget, or an issue that is very astute to keep the finances used properly.

"Mr. Speaker, I would also note that the Chair had mentioned the \$2 million for the Small Business Innovation Research. This is based on the sound principle that without entrepreneurs, there are no job creation, without job creation, there's no economic development. So this budget pays attention to that entrepreneurial principle and fact of life. No entrepreneurs, no development. You can only have a centralized economy go so far and then it's got to go down to the individual, and that's where China is going to be limited in its development, because it's still a centralized economy.

"Mr. Speaker, the Chair mentioned the hiring of teachers for DOE. There's \$3 million to get the hiring of teachers. But at the same time, notice that she said that we have saved \$10 million, actually my figures are \$10.7 million, by cutting 203 positions for people who haven't filled their empty spots, the people that they need to hire to get the job done. They left them vacant for over a year and a half. I think that's a great rule of thumb. If you don't hire, well you're going to lose the money. So Mr. Speaker, that was a great shot across the bow of a lot of the executive departments.

"Another point I wanted to bring out was that the Department of Education also has funds now to do a lot of repair and maintenance. Mr. Speaker, as you know, it's been rather embarrassing with the University of Hawaii and other buildings. We build them, but we don't maintain them."

Representative Say rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Thank you, Speaker. And most importantly, Mr. Speaker, as you at a number of public occasions said, that we're going to concentrate in this session on housing and homelessness. I'm really proud to say that the \$39 million that this budget has for homelessness is really putting our money where our mouth is. Thirty-nine million dollars for homelessness plus \$30 million of which \$15 million, as indicated earlier by the Finance Chair, is for Oahu, puts together a total package of which, whether you call it Ohana or Pu'uhonua Villages, gives us a running chance to get away from what otherwise is a pipe dream to be able to do housing first. The brick and mortar, Mr. Speaker, is not going to work. Those are \$250,000 to \$400,000 a pop. Even the great philanthropist, Mr. Kurisu, at the airport, where we all toured, those are \$120,000 minimal, those were the shelters from Japan that he reconstructed here.

"So Mr. Speaker, those are the points I wish to highlight. It's, in a way, it's a very brief discussion of what is otherwise a very robust budget. But I want to make one final statement with some good news and some bad news. First the bad news, Mr. Speaker, lest we forget. The people of Hawaii are the highest taxed in the nation, we have the second highest tax rates in the

nation. The good news, Mr. Speaker, is that with the tax cuts and jobs act, on the average, according to the Tax Foundation, every one of our constituents who filed taxes will get an \$800 savings or rebate, or not having to pay taxes. Mr. Speaker, may I encourage all of us to do as we did in 1987 when the Reagan tax cuts came in, let those rates slide, let them go down, let the savings accrue to the people of Hawaii, Mr. Speaker. With those remarks, Mr. Speaker, I vote in favor of this bill. Thank you."

Representative Thielen rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm rising to speak in support of the budget, but I wanted to point out something to the Finance Chair, which I think might be interesting to pursue as we go to final reading on the budget. Mr. Speaker, I think that we can take some funds from the Transportation Department, and I think it would be justified. When I entered the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, I was told Department of Transportation doesn't really care what we say in the Legislature, because they get so much funding from the federal government. That percentage has declined over the years, but the attitude of Department of Transportation has not changed.

"I find, let's say, particularly with the Highways Division, there is an arrogance that ignores the needs of our constituents, many of whom are trying to generate the general excise tax that keeps our government running. I wanted to just read from a constituent, and it speaks really to those of us on the Windward side, the Representative from District 51, I'm from District 50, Representative from Districts 49 and 48, who have constituents that need to use the Pali.

"And here, the constituent says, 'I'm just providing a "fun" report on my observations on my "favorite" Pali Hwy improvement project. This is strictly FYI observations. I've been leaving at 8:15 p.m. to arrive in Waikiki at 10 p.m. and having a lot of free/wasted time in Waikiki. Thank you, State of Hawaii and Goodfellows, for the new rest period. I came back over the Pali at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and want to share by observations on all the work being done that clearly does justify closing a major island connecting highway for a third of a day, five days a week.

"Monday, down by the exit to Old Pali Road by the religious center, two guys with flashlights looking at the sidewalk on the Kailua-bound side of the road. That's the side that's not being closed. One-fourth mile up, three guys with flashlights standing in the road in front of a pickup truck looking at the roadway. At basecamp Ige, four to five guys lifting steel frames with a device and moving them far off the road. That's it.' That's what caused the highway to be closed.

"Tuesday, two men with flashlights 1/4 mile up just standing there, halfway between tunnel and basecamp Ige. Two men with a light and a torch burning something on the road. That's it.

"Wednesday, a flurry of activity, five to six people in the basecamp moving the forms around off the roadway. That's it.

"Thursday, surprised to see cars headed town-bound at 10:40 p.m. When I dashed to the Pali at 8:25 p.m. to head to town, the sign that said 'road closed' was up and flashing. When I got back it was off and the road open. I guess they got so much done on Monday to Wednesday that they took Thursday off. Maybe the pace had been too intense. I think I now am better able to comprehend how it takes nearly two years to redo eight miles of already installed road.

"By the way, I like the addition of the extra lanes from three to four in the lower town side part of the road, just before it comes to the two-lane bridge underpass."

Representative McDermott rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Thielen continued, stating:

"Thank you, Representative. I pray I'm missing something there that as a non-civil engineer I can't yet see. In fairness, I may have missed work later

in the night, but virtually nothing was being done at 10:30-10:45 p.m. each night.

"As I'm sure you notice going in the morning, perhaps/probably you are much earlier than I am, they do a lot of work with hundreds of nice orange cones deployed every day on the town-bound lanes in the day time. Just keeps me building increased confidence in the government of Hawaii."

"And then I look at Highways Division on highway safety, page 18 of the budget. They're getting \$754,000-plus for that, and I think that's a section that could be slashed.

"I refer to the Mokapu Saddle Road, which runs from Oneawa or Mokapu Boulevard, past Kalaheo High School, up to let motorists get onto H-3 to head town-bound. No notice of a reduction in speed, down to 25 miles per hour. Police ticketing motorists at \$250 a ticket. That hurts. No construction. For weeks and weeks and weeks, no construction, and after much pressure, and having to go up to the Governor's Chief of Staff to demand a meeting with Highway's chief, then finally there's a flashing sign up there, letting only half of the motorists know that there's going to be a change in speed limit, but do you think it tells them what the change is? No. Just blink, blink, blink, reduce speed ahead. Any construction? No.

"And then the people coming from Oneawa, which is from District 51, they have no advanced notice. Begging, this is Grace Pacific, a subsidiary of Alexander & Baldwin, after begging Grace Pacific to put up signs saying what is the speed limit so people don't keep getting \$250 tickets, finally they put up a two-foot by two-foot, on a tripod, sign on the side of the road, letting half of the motorists know the speed's going to be 25 miles per hour.

"So I would say that this figure of nearly \$800,000 for highway safety operations could be slashed a lot, because they obviously aren't spending it on putting up signs, they obviously aren't helping the motoring public, and it's something that is showing the ineptitude of our state government. It reflects very poorly on all of us in state government, but it's brought to you by Department of Transportation.

"So I hope when the budget goes to conference committee that the Finance Chair and others can ratchet down that money for Department of Transportation, and try, at least a little bit, to change the arrogant attitude that they will do it the way they want to do and the public be damned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tupola rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I just wanted to commend the Chair, of course, for being meticulous. As stated previously, there was a lot of discrepancies as well as miscalculations that all of us were looking through and wondering, and all of that was kind of cleared up. As well as, over the years, talking about sweeping the vacant positions so we can actually save money if over a year there hasn't been a filling of that position. And as well, at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, we have only 20 youth left, but 73 guards. And so, paying attention to that and making sure that that was converted into social worker positions, which is what we need.

"We, of course, are grateful for the funds appropriated for libraries, for the Wiki Wiki Shuttle, for the teacher incentive program, for Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death, and for repairs much needed at Hawaii Public Housing Authority. And I hope and look forward to the reinstatement of the \$4 million needed for adult dental Medicaid services.

"And so we've had the conversation in our committee as well as last week, it came up in a resolution again. And I just wanted to highlight it for the members that in our state, 52% of low-income adults have not even seen a dentist, and 51% of those adults actually have been to the emergency room for severe, for dental disease. And so when we talked about it in the committee, something that's brought up to me by our community health centers was the fact that some of our issues in the high cost of emergency services are due to people going to the emergency room for dental services, because since 2008 we haven't reinstated that money that's needed for adult Medicaid dental services. As well as it affects people who are trying to transition out of homelessness, and can't get that, so that they can actually

have the confidence, eat correctly, and get a job, because they don't have teeth.

"And so it seems like something that maybe we take for granted, but it's something that definitely needs to be addressed, and I look forward to seeing that reinstated so that we can support in that way and truly help all the different portions of homelessness that are affecting us, not just where they live, but also the services they need to thrive and to succeed. Thank you."

Representative San Buenaventura rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Short comments in support. I would just like to point out that not all Representatives agree with cutting the Department of Transportation's budget. We love the Department of Transportation in my district. Thank you very much."

Representative Souki rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, thank you for recognizing me. And first of all, I will be voting with this, for one of the few times, with reservations on the budget, and let me explain why. First of all, before I get into explanation, I want to thank the Chairman, the committee members, the staff, for doing a wonderful job. Being a former chairman myself, I know that it's a very difficult job, and we have an excellent chairman that's doing the best she can under the circumstances.

"My disagreement in the little parts on this budget, it has to do, and go back to a contractual relationship between the State of Hawaii and Kaiser in putting up the Maui quasi-government hospital, private nonprofit hospital, what is now the Maui Health System. I know that there are some discussions that have been going on. My concern is that there should have at least have some money in to show a commitment by this body here, the House.

"What I'm talking about is that, there's different figures, but the figure that comes to my mind is \$30 million a year for three years, and at the end of three years, they would be on their own in order to carry on the hospital and its expenses, and in the long term, after three years, and in the long term, they would be saving the State a lot of money.

"My concern is that there was no money put in. I know there was discussions given in, talking, but some commitment should have been shown, and putting some money in for the Maui Health System.

"So all I ask is that, in fact, we're losing an advantage when you allow the Senate to come in with the money and not us, we lose the advantage. The advantage you have by being the first party to submit a budget is that you can craft the budget as you would want and let the Senate react to it, but in this case here we didn't put any money at all for the Maui Health System.

"And I know the Chairman will be putting some money later on, but again, there was a lack of commitment as I've seen at this point here. So this is my *mana'o* with the budget here. But I'd like to add, I admire the Committee Chairman, I admire the staff for the hard work they do, and the committee members, but please don't forget the contractual agreements that we had some years ago. Thank you very much."

Representative Cullen rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cullen's written remarks are as follows:

"As stated earlier, Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of HB 1900, HD 1. I would like to thank the Finance Chair for all the work she put into the budget and being fiscally conservative with the State's finances. I would like to thank the budget staff for all the time they have put into providing the members with the most knowledgeable information, so that we can make informed decisions.

"Even in this conservative and detailed budget we were able to include funding for Kaleiopuu Elementary School's cafeteria renovation and expansion that would create better opportunities at the school. As we have

continued to address the track school issue, this budget includes additional funding necessary to plan, design, and construct 'Phase 2' of the new East Kapolei Middle School. Finally, we have also included funding to redesign the Kunia eastbound on-ramp that would work to address concerns with the current congestion situation, which I can personally attest to as it is part of my daily route as I head to work.

"These proposed CIP appropriations in HB 1900, HD 1 should significantly contribute to the essential day-to-day commute and family's quality of life, teacher's work environment, and student's learning potential in our communities."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 1900, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Souki voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Fukumoto being excused.

At 1:11 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 1900, HD 1

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, there is a free lunch tomorrow in Room 423. Representative Say will be buying bentos for what Representative Mizuno and I invite all to the fellowship luncheon in Room 423. And Pastor Nakanishi will be the guest speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Lee, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 325, and the Chair "so ordered."

S.B. No. 2939, SD 2, Relating to Energy;  
 S.B. No. 2752, SD 2, Relating to Energy Efficiency;  
 S.B. No. 2100, SD 2, Relating to Renewable Energy;  
 S.B. No. 2910, SD 2, Relating to Electric Grid Resiliency;  
 S.B. No. 3077, SD 2, Relating to Biofuels;  
 S.B. No. 2122, SD 1, Relating to Electric Vehicles;  
 S.B. No. 3099, SD 2, Relating to Solid Waste Management;  
 S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, Relating to Water Pollution;  
 S.B. No. 2668, SD 1, Relating to Sustainable Development Goals;  
 S.B. No. 2674, SD 1, Relating to Sustainable Development Goals;  
 S.B. No. 2965, SD 1, Relating to The Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Initiative;  
 S.B. No. 3068, SD 2, Relating to Climate Change;  
 S.B. No. 2334, SD 2, Relating to Planning;  
 S.B. No. 2977, SD 2, Relating to Greenhouse Gas Emissions;  
 S.B. No. 2573, SD 1, Relating to Nutrient Cycling;  
 S.B. No. 2110, SD 2, Relating to Hazardous Waste;  
 S.B. No. 2930, SD 2, Relating to Underground Storage Tanks;  
 S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, Relating to Cesspools;  
 S.B. No. 2399, SD 2, Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration; and  
 S.B. No. 2559, SD 2, Relating to Invasive Species.

Representative Lee: "I'll note that this hearing notice was filed last Friday for a Tuesday hearing, but in order to make sure we follow process and not err in anyway, I did want to go through the motion here, just as a matter of precaution."

Representative Matsumoto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just wanted to let all the members know that we've started collecting for the Easter baskets for the Women's Legislative Caucus. If you don't have time to put together a basket, you can drop off all the items, loose items, at our office, and we'll be putting baskets together. If you do have a whole bunch of those reusable bags, those are great to put together baskets, so we're loving those, also. So bring on everything down to my office in Room 303. Thank you."

### LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introductions were made to the Members of the House:

Representative Ohno introduced Mr. Bixby Ho, former Oahu County Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and former Board Member of Neighborhood Board No. 14.

Representative Luke introduced Hawaii County Council Member Sue Lee Loy.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>S.B. Nos.</u>	<u>Referred to:</u>
2600, SD2	Jointly to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Finance
2996, SD3	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Finance

### COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>S.B. Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
2305, SD1	Committee on Public Safety, then to the Committee on Finance
2644, SD2	Committee on Intrastate Commerce, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
2668, SD1	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Economic Development & Business, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2672, SD1	Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Economic Development & Business, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2674, SD1	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Economic Development & Business, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2925, SD1	Committee on Health & Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Intrastate Commerce and the Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Finance

### ADJOURNMENT

At 1:15 o'clock p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Ward and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 13, 2018. (Representatives Fukumoto and Tokioka were excused.)