

FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, convened at 9:09 o'clock a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Professor Noelani Arista of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of History, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 846 and 847) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 846, dated April 27, 2018, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2145, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2821, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 847, dated April 27, 2018, informing the House that the Senate has on April 26, 2018, reconsidered its action taken on April 24, 2018 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolutions have this day been Adopted:

S.C.R. No. 11, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 40, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 64, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 81, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 83, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 149, SD 1, HD 2

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Tokioka introduced Ms. Jane Greenwood, EMS Supervisor, City & County of Honolulu.

Representative Ward introduced his interns, Ko Htwe and Denzel Johnson; and Mr. Bart Dame, National Committeeman, Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Representative Tupola introduced Mr. and Mrs. Eddie and Paula Werner, parents of Kaulana Werner; and Mr. and Mrs. DeMont and Momi Connor of Hoomanapono.

Representative Nakamura introduced former Senator and former Councilmember Gary Hooser of Kauai.

Representative Keohokalole introduced his classmate, Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

Representative Cullen introduced Ms. Wannette Gaylord, President, ARCA.

Representative LoPresti introduced his intern, Jun Shun; Ms. Kat Brady, Coordinator, Community Alliance and Prisons; and Mr. Henry Curtis, Executive Director, Life of the Land.

Representative Lowen introduced Ms. Khara Jabola-Carolus, Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; and Ms. Amy Monk.

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 certain House and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there is no discussion, as you know, on items agreed to by the members for placement on the consent calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-18 and S.B. No. 2803, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2803, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOILER AND ELEVATOR SAFETY LAW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-18 and H.B. No. 2081, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2081, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-18 and H.B. No. 2305, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2305, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11-18 and H.B. No. 2208, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2208, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14-18 and S.B. No. 202, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 202, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE AREA BOARDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15-18 and S.B. No. 203, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 203, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17-18 and S.B. No. 2258, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

S.B. No. 2258, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18-18 and S.B. No. 2799, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2799, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN A PUBLIC HEALTH SETTING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19-18 and S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20-18 and H.B. No. 2033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MANNER OF SERVICE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22-18 and H.B. No. 1716, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1716, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A YOUTH COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24-18 and H.B. No. 694, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 694, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-18 and H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO MEDICAID," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29-18 and S.B. No. 2766, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2766, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30-18 and S.B. No. 2767, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2767, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31-18 and S.B. No. 2487, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2487, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32-18 and S.B. No. 2945, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2945, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33-18 and S.B. No. 208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34-18 and S.B. No. 2490, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2490, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35-18 and S.B. No. 2783, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2783, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36-18 and S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38-18 and H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39-18 and H.B. No. 1876, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1876, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44-18 and H.B. No. 2328, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2328, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46-18 and H.B. No. 634, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 634, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE NUANU HYDROELECTRICITY PROJECT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47-18 and H.B. No. 635, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 635, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE NUUANU HYDROELECTRICITY PROJECT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48-18 and H.B. No. 2025, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2025, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESOURCE RECOVERY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49-18 and S.B. No. 2298, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2298, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50-18 and S.B. No. 2053, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2053, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52-18 and H.B. No. 2373, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2373, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SHARING OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROGRAM EMPLOYEES FOR APPROVED RESEARCH PURPOSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53-18 and H.B. No. 2362, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2362, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54-18 and H.B. No. 2204, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2204, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56-18 and H.B. No. 1850, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1850, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PORNOGRAPHY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-18 and H.B. No. 1852, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1852, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORNOGRAPHY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58-18 and H.B. No. 2133, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2133, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61-18 and H.B. No. 2318, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2318, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62-18 and S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63-18 and S.B. No. 2738, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2738, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOUND ELECTRONIC DEVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64-18 and S.B. No. 2297, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2297, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65-18 and S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67-18 and H.B. No. 1906, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1906, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68-18 and H.B. No. 2341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70-18 and H.B. No. 1520, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1520, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72-18 and S.B. No. 2013, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2013, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73-18 and S.B. No. 2745, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2745, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74-18 and S.B. No. 2992, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2992, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75-18 and S.B. No. 2146, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2146, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76-18 and S.B. No. 2180, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2180, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79-18 and H.B. No. 2589, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2589, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82-18 and S.B. No. 2153, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2153, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83-18 and S.B. No. 2154, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2154, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS OF NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84-18 and S.B. No. 2174, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2174, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MATERIAL WITNESS ORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85-18 and S.B. No. 2691, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2691, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87-18 and S.B. No. 2742, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2742, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90-18 and S.B. No. 3002, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3002, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93-18 and S.B. No. 2858, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2858, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative LoPresti's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support, although I am a bit disappointed that this conference draft is much weaker than all the previous versions, which required an actual shelter rather than just 'considerations' for a shelter. With all of our recent natural disasters and the trauma of the false missile alert still fresh in our minds, it is clear that the State needs to do more to provide shelter for our constituents. I find it troubling that this bill is the best we could do to protect our people, despite the recent circumstances."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2858, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96-18 and S.B. No. 2801, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2801, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97-18 and S.B. No. 3000, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3000, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INNOVATION BUSINESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98-18 and S.B. No. 2150, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

S.B. No. 2150, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99-18 and S.B. No. 2581, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2581, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative LoPresti's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support, but I would like to clarify that while there is no salary cap written into the statute, this legislation is not intended to provide a luxurious salary for the executive director of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2581, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100-18 and H.B. No. 2610, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2610, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101-18 and H.B. No. 1958, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1958, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102-18 and H.B. No. 2333, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2333, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105-18 and H.B. No. 1604, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1604, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106-18 and H.B. No. 2352, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2352, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107-18 and H.B. No. 2353, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2353, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109-18 and H.B. No. 2354, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2354, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INCOME CHECK-OFF," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110-18 and H.B. No. 2455, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2455, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative LoPresti's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. As a nation of immigrants, it is important to remember the history of our emigrations and celebrate all of our original cultures."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2455, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM FOR THE 2018 GANNENMONO CELEBRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112-18 and H.B. No. 2357, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2357, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113-18 and H.B. No. 2389, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2389, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAROLE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114-18 and H.B. No. 2454, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2454, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119-18 and H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120-18 and H.B. No. 2613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HE'EI'A NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121-18 and S.B. No. 122, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 122, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122-18 and S.B. No. 2612, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2612, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124-18 and S.B. No. 2613, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2613, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125-18 and H.B. No. 1646, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1646, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126-18 and H.B. No. 1770, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1770, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127-18 and H.B. No. 2418, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2418, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDS USED FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130-18 and S.B. No. 2790, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2790, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132-18 and H.B. No. 2131, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2131, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133-18 and H.B. No. 2306, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2306, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134-18 and H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPOSTING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136-18 and H.B. No. 1916, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1916, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137-18 and H.B. No. 2277, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2277, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141-18 and S.B. No. 2346, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2346, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148-18 and H.B. No. 2071, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2071, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-18 and H.B. No. 1489, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1489, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative LoPresti's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. As Hawaii was the home state of the original Title IX sponsor, our late Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink, I think it only proper that we codify Title IX protections into state law, so that her legacy will live on in Hawaii regardless of what happens on the federal level under this or any subsequent administration."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1489, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative McDermott voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-18 and S.B. No. 2293, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2293, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153-18 and S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL COST TAX CREDIT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160-18 and S.B. No. 48, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 48, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161-18 and S.B. No. 2831, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2831, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162-18 and H.B. No. 2299, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2299, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY AGENCIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168-18 and H.B. No. 1650, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1650, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative LoPresti's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. It is important to establish records, and this bill does just that. It requires disclosure of child abuse or neglect that occurred at a licensed or registered child care facility, so that consumers can make an informed decision about who they entrust with their childcare. With the passing of this bill, we will now clearly establish 'Justice for Peyton,' who suffered severe injuries while under the care of his licensed babysitter."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1650, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174-18 and S.B. No. 2619, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2619, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176-18 and S.B. No. 2714, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2714, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179-18 and H.B. No. 1938, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1938, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180-18 and H.B. No. 2684, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

H.B. No. 2684, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181-18 and H.B. No. 2161, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2161, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTION STATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 9:24 o'clock a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

- S.B. No. 2803, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2081, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2305, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2208, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 202, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 203, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2258, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2799, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1716, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 694, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2766, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2767, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2487, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2945, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2490, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2783, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1876, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2328, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 634, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 635, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2025, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2298, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2053, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2373, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2362, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2204, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1850, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1852, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2133, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2318, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2738, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2297, HD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1906, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1520, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2013, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2745, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2992, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2146, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2180, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 2589, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2153, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2154, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2174, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2691, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2742, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 3002, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2858, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 2801, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 3000, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

S.B. No. 2150, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2581, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2610, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1958, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2333, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1604, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2352, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2353, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2354, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2455, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2357, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2389, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2454, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 122, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2612, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2613, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1646, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1770, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2418, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2790, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2131, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2306, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1916, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2277, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2346, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2071, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1489, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2293, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 48, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2831, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2299, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1650, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2619, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2714, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1938, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2684, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2161, SD 2, CD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"As a reminder, members, please remember to submit to the Clerk the list of House and Senate bills on the consent calendar for which you will be inserting written comments, in support or in opposition. The list is due by adjournment of today's floor session."

At 9:24 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:41 o'clock a.m.

ORDINARY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we're on item 5b, ordinary calendar. Could you please turn to page 28 and refer to CCR No. 182-18."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182-18 and H.B. No. 2601, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2601, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Aquino offered Floor Amendment No. 3, amending H.B. No. 2601, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 2601, H.D.1, S.D.2, C.D.1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, is amended by amending Section 6 to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2019."

Representative Aquino moved that Floor Amendment No. 3 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Aquino rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. All this does is make an amendment to the effective date to ensure that all the affected parties, including DOT, rental car companies and others have the time to implement the contents of the measure. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I move to amend the amendment to the year 2050, after driverless cars are on the highways, and this increased tax can be postponed indefinitely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, Representative Ward moved to amend the amendment to the year 2050, seconded by Representative Tupola.

The motion to amend the amendment was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry.

(Main Motion)

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 3, amending H.B. No. 2601, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:43 o'clock a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Just to clarify on the floor amendment, since the floor amendment has been approved, there will be a 48-hour notice for this measure, and the vote on the measure will be on Thursday.

"Could you please refer to page 26, CCR No. 159-18, this is Senate Bill No. 3058, CD 1, this measure will be moved to end of calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-18 and S.B. No. 3058, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred to the end of the calendar.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-18 and S.B. No. 2361, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2361, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Choy's written remarks are as follows:

"In opposition to S.B. No. 2361, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1.

"I have absolutely no objection to giving the collective bargaining unit members the negotiated wages and benefits. My objection is giving the employees who are not a part of the bargaining unit a wage increase on the backs of the unionized employees. If employees want a raise they should join the union or form a bargaining unit.

"For this reason, I am in opposition."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2361, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-18 and H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Say rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

At 9:45 o'clock a.m., Representative Thielen requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:46 o'clock a.m.

Representative Choy rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Choy's written remarks are as follows:

"In opposition to H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1.

"My objection is the increase in the central services fees in times of booming budget. This budget technique is unnecessary, in times of booming budget this merely becomes a raid on special funds."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Say voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy, Har and Tokioka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12-18 and S.B. No. 2407, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2407, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising to speak on CCR 12-18 in support, in very strong support, and with some comments. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this Senate bill adds opioid use and substance use disorders, or withdrawal symptoms resulting from the treatment of these conditions, and it adds that condition into our medical cannabis program. I believe that this is a very sensible and timely step for this body to take.

"I reference Time magazine, the recent publication that Time has put out, and it's called, 'Marijuana: The Medical Movement.' And I'd like to just note a few things from the magazine, that medical research is continuing to show medical cannabis has value, and as Donald Abrams, a professor of clinical medicine at the University of California, San Francisco stated, 'No one has died from an overdose of cannabis.' The magazine goes on that cannabis has great potential in reducing pain, and it's led some experts to recommend it as an alternative to addictive pain-killers, such as opioids.

"Since 1999, overdose deaths in the US involving opioids have quadrupled, and a 2015 analysis published in the Journal of the American

Medical Association reported a 30% or more reduction in pain from cannabinoids compared with a placebo.

"So what we're looking at is, medical cannabis actually can prevent the opioid overdoses that are occurring nation-wide and right here in our state in Hawaii. And it's interesting that doctors significantly have reduced their prescriptions of painkillers when they are in states where medical cannabis is permitted.

"So we're taking a very sound and sensible step today with passing this bill including the opioid addiction as one of the categories for which medical cannabis can be prescribed. The only thing I would note, Mr. Speaker, is that the Department of Health has not stepped up as it should to get this program going for our residents and our patients. And it's a very difficult situation for them to access the medically prescribed cannabis, because Department of Health just has failed to get the program moving in the way it should, to serve our constituents and the people in Hawaii that need this medication.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, by the Department not stepping ahead as it should, sometimes it drives these people to the black market. That's exactly what we don't want to happen. But government is the reason and the fault, at least at the Department of Health. Thank you."

Representative Tupola rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in opposition with some comments. Thank you. This bill will change the definition of debilitating medical conditions to include opioid use disorders, substance abuse disorders, and withdrawal symptoms as conditions that can be treated with medical cannabis. I appreciate my colleague's remarks and she always comes very prepared, and I actually agree with her on some of the points.

"However, the House version of this particular measure proposed that a working group first study the efficacy of using medical cannabis in treating substance abuse, but this part was removed in conference committee. Our chair for Health, as well as our previous chair, have moved forward with abundance of caution because they know that this is a matter that we need to proceed forward with, with actual research evidence.

"Definitions for diseases and other medical terminologies are only allowed to be altered based upon research-based evidence to support the change. Numerous, major health organizations oppose this bill, due to lack of underlying research. Eligibility for and access to medical cannabis is an issue that needs to be addressed. But I think what our chairs have cautioned us with, as well as how they've conducted themselves in the type of bills that we've proposed on our side, it's always been research-based, and I think that that's the part of the conference committee bill that got cut out, which I think, of course, on our side, we had the right motive to have the working group study the research, evidence-based first, before altering the definition.

"I think creating further legislation to change this terminology will then make it where any bill that comes forward will be able to change the definition without the proper steps, which were set forward way back when medical cannabis was first passed in this state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Thank you. I'd like to adopt the words from the speaker from the Windward area as if they were my own, and I also wanted to thank the previous speaker who spoke in opposition. We did do a working group on this, but I've evolved on this position. There's a lot to do with medical cannabis, especially high content CBDs and perhaps lower THC levels. There's beneficial use, it's done great with our veterans, many people that suffer from stress, post-traumatic stress disorder. This is actually to alleviate the opioid overdose crisis that we're facing. And for those reasons, I support this measure. I think it's a step in the right direction, and I think we need to continue to study this medication for further use, but I support it. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Choy rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. I'd just like to note that the Department of Health, the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Honolulu Police Department, the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, the Hawaiian-Pacific Pain and Palliative Care Association, and the Hawaii Patients' Right Hui all oppose this bill. Thank you."

Representative Matsumoto rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in opposition. I understand the intention of this bill is to utilize medical cannabis to help those who have an opioid dependency, and we all know that opioids is such a huge problem, not only in our state, but across the country. My hesitation lies in that we haven't had the thorough research to make sure that this is efficient and that it's effective, and I would have preferred that this bill had been a study first, so we can make sure those treatments with those with opioid dependencies are being able to be best informed with their decisions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And permission to insert written comments."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in opposition.

"Although I understand that the intention of this bill is to utilize medical cannabis to treat opioid abuse, and to treat the associated withdrawal symptoms or substance abuse disorders, there is a lack of underlying research proving the efficacy of such treatments.

"I believe that in order to adequately address our opioid crisis, we first need to research all potential solutions instead of simply enacting legislation in the hopes that this method will work.

"We need to thoroughly research the implications in terms of federal policy regarding medical cannabis, as well as the health implications of utilizing this form of treatment.

"Mr. Speaker, I would have preferred that this bill be a study on these treatments so that we can make better-informed decisions prior to enacting such legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative DeCoite rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative DeCoite's written remarks are as follows:

"I am voting with reservations on this bill because cannabis is still at odds with Federal law and we appear to be expanding its scope with this bill. The Department of Health has stated that '...the addition of opioid addiction as a qualifying diagnosis moves the use of medical cannabis for treatment of chronic pain into the realm of treating chronic behavioral health illnesses and disorders (addiction), for which there is insufficient evidence at this time.' *Mahalo.*"

Representative Thielen rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, just one quick other statement that I'd like to make, in support still. I would like to note that the states that have legalized medical cannabis have seen drops in opioid-related deaths. This works, Mr. Speaker, and it can save people's lives. As the scientist from the San Francisco university stated, no one has died from a cannabis overdose, but people are dying from opioid overdoses. Cannabis can help, so it would be foolish of us not to move ahead and add this as a category for our cannabis program.

"The other thing is, there is a cost-saving to the medical costs in our state, because instead of people needing the care from opioid addiction, they're able to take care of that and reverse that addiction through using cannabis.

The only fault that I see is with the slowness of the Department of Health in the cannabis program, and they need to get moving. Thank you."

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

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Reservations. I appreciate the debate on both sides. However, I am unsure if medical cannabis is the correct form of treatment for those recovering from substance abuse. I believe more deliberation is necessary to fully vet the effects of this drug in treating withdrawal symptoms for recovering addicts. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2407, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives DeCoite and Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy, Matsumoto, Tokioka and Tupola voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13-18 and S.B. No. 2488, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2488, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Choy and Har voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16-18 and S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in strong support.

"Opioid abuse is a serious issue in our state. An average of 400 non-fatal overdoses occur in Hawaii each year. Opioid related overdoses also resulted in \$9,800,000 in hospital costs in 2016.

"This bill addresses the issue of opioid overdose in Hawaii by expanding access to opioid antagonists, also known as opioid blockers, such as naloxone. Studies have found that providing overdose training and naloxone kits can help people identify signs of an opioid-related drug overdose and can reduce mortality.

"This bill will give pharmacists the authority to prescribe and dispense opioid blockers to an individual, or their family or caregiver, that is at-risk for overdose without proof of a previous prescription.

"Mr. Speaker, this bill includes sufficient safeguards for pharmacists to complete training and ensure consumer protection. In my opinion, preventing deaths by increasing access to life-saving medication is an easy decision for this legislature to make. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of Senate Bill 2247, Conference Draft 1.

"This legislature has been proactive in addressing the problems of opioid addiction. This measure continues that work by expanding the scope of practice of registered pharmacists and allowing them to prescribe, dispense,

and provide education related to opioid overdose, signs and responses to opioid overdose, and the use of opioid antagonists.

"Deaths caused by opioids are preventable if an opioid antagonist is administered in a timely manner. Pharmacists can safely prescribe an opioid antagonist to an individual at risk of opioid overdose or a family member or caregiver of an individual at risk. Pharmacists are also well-situated to provide individuals receiving an opioid antagonist with information and written educational materials.

"This measure represents a sensible way to address some of the problems associated with opioid addiction and aligns with prevention and pharmacy-based interventions in the Hawaii Opioid Action Plan that has been crafted by numerous stakeholders in the community."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21-18 and H.B. No. 1602, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1602, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I stand in strong support. This bill requires all packaging of any opioid drug dispensed by a healthcare professional or pharmacist to include the warning label to read, 'Caution: Opioid. Risk of overdose and addiction.' And while it might seem simple, this is a very realistic and implementable change that patients can be informed on how opioids are so addictive, and hopefully this will curb some of those opioid deaths that we've been talking about today. As well as permission to insert written comments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in strong support.

"This bill requires all packaging of any opioid drug dispensed by a healthcare professional or pharmacist in outpatient care to include a warning label to read: 'Caution: Opioid. Risk of overdose and addiction.'

"According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the US, with 52,404 lethal drug overdoses in 2015. In 2016, there were 77 opioid-related overdose deaths in Hawaii.

"This bill provides much needed consumer protection that will alert consumers of the dangers of addiction and death when ingesting opioid prescriptions.

"Mr. Speaker, the requirement is implementable and realistic for pharmacists as they are allotted flexibility in size and font that will accommodate other required information on the label such as dosage.

"Providing information on how opioids used for pain management can lead to dependence, misuse and accidental overdose may prevent a further increase in opioid overdose and death. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Representative Thielen's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of HB 1602.

"HB 1602 requires that pharmacies and any outlets selling opioid drugs must provide a warning label of the risks that the medication carries beginning August 2018.

"Death by a foreign nuclear attack threatens, but horrifyingly, the U.S.' largest mass killer is American-made and -distributed. Its nationwide body count in 2016 alone – 64,000 – surpasses the total U.S. troops killed in the 20-year Vietnam War. Already in Hawaii, an escalating number of people die of it each year, outpacing fatal auto crashes.

"Its name is opioid – a class of painkillers that doctors often prescribe – and Hawaii's statistics show we're on trend to suffer the rampant consequences from the deadliest drug crisis to ever hit American soil, spreading faster than the HIV epidemic at its peak. Gripped by this reality, we must push and support the state's bipartisan Hawaii Opioid Initiative newly released last month; two legislative bills that I am introducing; and heightened public awareness to protect ourselves.

"Don't be fooled about opioid's reach. A surge of newborns is now entering the world dependent on the overprescribed, highly addictive drug. It claims victims of all ages, ethnicities, genders and income. Its various forms and names include fentanyl, hydrocodone and oxycodone, commonly known by its brand name, OxyContin.

"Why else does this drug crisis matter to Hawaii's people? According to the Hawaii Opioid Initiative report,

- the amount of opioid painkillers prescribed nationally in 2015 was enough to keep every American medicated 24/7 for 3 weeks.
- in Hawaii, there are nearly 490,000 dispensed prescriptions for oxycodone and hydrocodone, potentially consumed by one-third of our state's population.
- 66% of 56 overdose victims autopsied in Honolulu County in 2016 showed positive for opioid pain relievers other than morphine, codeine and methadone.
- oxycodone, oxymorphone, fentanyl and hydrocodone were among the most common opioids found in the above autopsy sampling. Fentanyl is up to 100 times more potent than morphine.
- only one of the 56 victims was homeless.
- 91% of the deaths were accidental.
- around 400 nonfatal overdoses require treatment in Hawaii hospitals annually.
- it costs about \$40,100 for each Hawaii hospitalization and every opioid-related overdose costs \$4,050 on average per emergency department visit.

"How did this painkiller lead to the worst drug crisis in American history? The Sackler family – worth \$14 billion in 2015 and ranked as one of the 20 wealthiest families in America by Forbes – developed OxyContin in the 1990s through its Connecticut-based Purdue Pharma business. The Sackler children reportedly made their fortune by acting as primary perpetrators and beneficiaries of our nation's opioid epidemic.

"Simply put, the Sacklers' enormous wealth is blood money, earned at the expense of millions of people – Hawaii residents included – who have fallen prey to drug addiction and accidental overdosing deaths.

"OxyContin's addictive properties were apparently well-known to the Sackler siblings but they denied any knowledge. Their marketing campaign misinformed doctors about the risks.

"As a result of the Sacklers' alleged complicity and collusion, the attorneys general of 41 states – including Hawaii – joined a coalition that last September served subpoenas on the Sacklers' Purdue Pharma and four other major opioid manufacturers as part of a multistate investigation. Other manufacturers under investigation are Allergan, Endo, Janssen and Teva/Cephalon. Three distributors were also subpoenaed: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson.

"Other states have filed lawsuits against the manufacturers and distributors.

"Waging war against opioids resembles the multipronged strategies and tactics that I executed with fellow legislators, backed by unrelenting pressure by citizens on the biggest tobacco makers in the 1990s. Eventually, smoking was banned in public.

"Similarly, we can defeat the deadly widespread effects of opioids.

"Meanwhile, 'make America great again' is an overused, diluted slogan and frankly, America hasn't been great when it comes to drugs since opioids' production in the 1990s and likely before then. Let's make America clean, or as pre-opioid clean as possible. A nation must quash its worst drug epidemic before it can be great.

"At this juncture, it's up to us to take action, such as the 41 attorneys general and I are doing, because incomprehensively, the president did not declare this a 'national emergency,' as he originally promised to do. Had he done so, we'd have quick federal funding at our disposal.

"Join me in supporting legislation that safeguards us; keeping the participants in the governor's opioid response plan accountable; getting educated about opioids and safer alternatives; advocating for ourselves when interacting with doctors; and pressing insurance carriers to do the right thing. Let's stand together to end opioid misuse and dethrone the 'unstable genius' of America's largest makers and distributors of 'death and addiction by prescription.'"

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although I don't know the comments that the previous speaker stated, I'd like to adopt her comments. She is the author of this very good, well-intended bill. We did a lot of work on this, and at the end of the day I think this will save lives. So I am in strong support, and if I can have those comments written by the author, job well done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1602, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOIDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23-18 and H.B. No. 2106, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2106, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Bill 2106, Conference Draft 1, the first of a trio of bills this session to address pressing environmental challenges of our times.

"Given Hawaii's position in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, rising sea levels threaten our coastlines and our island ecosystems. Our current environmental assessment process does not take into consideration rising sea levels, one of the biggest environmental threats the state is facing as we witness each year the increasing power of ocean tides. House Bill 2106, CD 1 requires the Environmental Council to adopt rules that mandate all environmental assessments and impact statements include consideration of sea level rise based on the best available scientific data.

"Planning for and around sea level rise along our coasts is the responsible thing to do to preserve our coasts, mitigate costs, and wisely expend our time, monies and efforts to address the growing problems associated with sea level rise."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2106, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Har voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25-18 and H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support. For many years, many disadvantaged homeless people have been faced with a conundrum. In order to sign up for support services, they need an ID. In order to get an ID, they need a birth certificate, and often they don't have that. This bill removes one of the hurdles for them to get these services by waiving a small \$10 fee, which people who are destitute simply can't afford. I learned about this myself when I tried to help a homeless person get off the street in Ewa Beach, and we couldn't get him signed up because he didn't have his birth certificate. So, thank you to the members for moving this bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Homeless birth certificates are one of the, the birth certificate is one of the requirements to obtain ID, like previously mentioned by the speaker, and as well, want to commend him on noticing something that seems kind of small to us but is actually one of the biggest hurdles that they have to go through. This birth certificate is what allows them to get a state ID. Why do you need a state ID? Because you need to get into housing. You can't get into housing without a proof of identification. However, even more than that, is that once you have the birth certificate, you still need money to get the state ID. And so Next Step Shelter is actually one of a few of the shelters that actually provide private, nongovernmental funds to help people with this. So this is one step towards a very complex problem where people, and maybe we should actually look at just waiving the need for the birth certificate for the state ID and just use a social security card. At this point in time, there are certain documents that are easier than others.

"I definitely want to commend the author, I know that this is a good step forward, but as we unroll this, I think we should also consider the fact that some of these steps could be changed at our level, at the state level, that that particular requirement may or may not be needed to obtain an ID so that we can actually go past just waiving the fees and use those fees to actually help them to obtain the necessary identification for housing. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-18 and H.B. No. 2169, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2169, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. In the subject of youth suicide prevention, it's very, very important, and I believe no youth should be left behind. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2169, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28-18 and S.B. No. 2519, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2519, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Thielen rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, I'm rising on 28-18, Mr. Speaker, to cast a no vote and to make some remarks against the measure. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Senate bill is to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select

municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors.

"Here's the infamous ADC again, Mr. Speaker, that this House consistently wanted to have audited. We passed resolutions calling for an audit of ADC. We passed bills calling for an audit of ADC, they ended up on the other side, and suddenly the audit was removed, but the powers and money still is being thrown to an unaudited state entity to give them more power and responsibility. They haven't shown us what they've accomplished with the money they've already had and the authority that they've had. They have accomplished one thing, giving subsidized crop land to genetically modified seed companies like Syngenta, which is now called Hartung Brothers, DuPont Pioneer, and Beck's Hybrids. Those are the three anchor tenants on the ADC's West Kauai lands."

Representative Evans rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order. The bill is about solid waste diversion, so I don't know what these comments are about. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Thielen, stating:

"Please confine your remarks to the subject matter."

Representative Thielen continued, stating:

"I will confine my remarks to the bill again. The bill goes and gives money again and powers to ADC corporation. The problem is, that corporation has really not been subject at all to legislative oversight. So in taking a look at a bill that is saying you get more money, you get more power, we still have not learned what has ADC accomplished, other than, I was saying, the GMO tenants that they've put on to West Kauai land.

"So, Mr. Speaker, I'm voting no on this measure, and I think that we unfortunately did not get what we had wanted from this body, and that was an audit of ADC, but fortunately the auditor is able to conduct audits without having the direction from us to do so, where the auditor may feel an entity, a state entity, needs to be looked at more thoroughly. My hope is that the auditor will make that call, and actually audit ADC. Then we'll be able to see whether or not a bill like this should pass. And until that happens, I think this bill should be held. Thank you."

Representative McDermott rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. To amplify what my colleague's comments are regarding the ineffectiveness of ADC, and that is the thrust of it. Why are we giving them more responsibility? They spent \$61 million on farm land and all they're growing is abandoned cars. We got a \$4 million warehouse in Wahiawa, Tamura's old warehouse, it sits empty, with the exception of a ColorTyme TV storage center in one of the garages. This is what these guys do, nothing. They're incompetent, breathtakingly so, and we're giving them more responsibility, more money. It's got to stop, we all know who's in charge of it, we know who runs it, and I don't mean the appointed guy who makes \$170,000 a year more than the director of the Department of Agriculture. So, enough ADC. Thank you, sir."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the chair of Economic Development, I wanted to make a few statements in strong support. Number one, there is no appropriation language in this bill, and number two, the bill is about giving the corporation may enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal waste, glass, food, green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors.

"I applaud this bill because, number one, we're trying to get stuff out of our landfill. Number two, we're all about repurposing, recycling, reusing. That is, I think, a model that we can all support. And number three, isn't this wonderful that possibly we can expand the economy and create some other businesses in Hawaii? So I'm strong support. Thank you."

Representative Tupola rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition. Thank you. First off, I think the two conversations we're having is about ADC, and the other conversation is about solid waste. So I'll talk about both, because actually every landfill on this island is in my district, so, PVT is in my district, Waimanalo Gulch is in my district, H-Power is in my district. Anything about solid waste, we've had to meet, we've had to talk about this, because a lot of these core root issues are what needs to be solved.

"Now first part, Agribusiness Development Corporation, the scope of what they were supposed to do, and I'll read it from statute, says in 163D, is 'to make optimal use of agricultural assets for the economic, environmental, and social benefit of the people of Hawaii.' So that was the core vision of what they're supposed to be doing.

"Now, solid waste, yes, we want to get rid of it, yes, we'd like to get it better, yes, we'd love to have recycling better. But I think we should learn from the experts, because ADC is a five-person corporation. Now these guys have run businesses across the world, they've actually run it for decades here in Hawaii, and some of these issues that we have with solid waste are much bigger than what five people could try to even comprehend of where we need to go with solid waste, recyclables, and where we need to get an island that has no way of getting some of these materials off the island.

"The current solid waste strategies are about as good as Hawaii can get for right now. The biggest current impact is shipping of these recyclables, and the low price for recyclables in the world market. It costs five times more to ship from Hawaii to China or Vietnam or the Philippines than it does from Los Angeles or San Francisco or China. Because of this, we ship to the continent before recyclables can go overseas markets, which really reduces the price of what these companies can make.

"The beverage lobby has kept this price for recycling bulk non-HI glass at the same price since it's been in 1994. This makes it almost impossible to recycle bulk glass. Now, bear in mind in this bill it says that the corporation can enter into contracts with private business to remove solid waste, glass, and food. So I'm bringing up this glass conversation because this is heavy. I have companies in my district with mounds bigger than this place of glass, metal, paper, all kinds of things that they have to pay to get off, that they actually lose money once they ship it off.

"This makes it impossible. The City is currently sending as much as it can to H-POWER. If we don't know what H-POWER is, what it does is it burns all of it. H-POWER reduces the impacts of the landfill, which isn't a bad strategy for food waste and green waste, but it doesn't do anything for glass. The major problem is that the Department of Health Solid Waste Division does not want to let that type of compost be applied to food crops. So they're wanting it to be a food compost, so that we can actually bring it down and maybe use it for farming, but at this point, Department of Health does not allow that.

"The most important issue that we should address is that DOH is composting of food waste and application of food crops. So there's a number of companies, namely Hawaiian Earth Products, which is the one that the City uses, but this is a problem that is much deeper than just, hey let's let a company with five people go into contracts. We have an issue here. Our solid waste for this state has nowhere to go. People don't want to get into business to do it because they lose money by doing it. We don't have anywhere to put the glass.

"So I think we should actually let the experts come up with some solutions, we should help the experts get to there, and then we can incorporate some of the changes in Department of Health that we can affect in this body, and then move forward with anybody who wants to join the game. Because once you join the game, you figure out that it's kind of a losing battle. I mean, PVT, luckily, they can burn some of their own and they can recycle about 70% to 90% of their own, but not everybody can do that. Waimanalo Gulch has not been successful at doing that.

"And so those are my concerns, why I'm in opposition. Let's start with the root of the problem and then later get on to who should be able to enter into contracts to do something that they may or may not understand. Thank you."

Representative Holt rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Evans be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Just briefly, we know many of the problems which have been illustrated by our colleagues are real, and are tangible, and need to be resolved when it comes to what to do with our municipal waste stream and all the different elements within it, which currently don't pencil to address here in Hawaii. We know that H-POWER, which is more than anything the end burning point for the bulk of our, not only trash but also recyclables, is soon going to be one of the most expensive sources of power on the electric grid. What we need to do is figure out how to look forward, so that we don't end up stuck with contracts that force us to buy expensive power over the long-term and force us to continue to dispose of our waste, recyclables, and everything else, in a very inefficient manner.

"One of the things that this bill really attempts to do is benefit our local businesses, especially those right now who are disposing of many of the recyclables, which no longer pencil to ship to other places. We need to figure out how to give them other options to dispose of that without being forced to subsidize the cost of shipping overseas.

"The second thing we can do with this bill is benefit new local businesses, which can be created to divert those sources of revenue. Right now, we know we are working with the City and County, which has a number of different conversations going on with local businesses right here to do different things. For example, taking our plastics and turning them into park benches and other sorts of things which can be useful for the general public.

"When it comes to glass, we know there's an RFP out. Numerous companies right now are looking to turn glass into sand to be used as sand traps and filler, potentially even replenishing beaches that were eroding.

"But most of all, Mr. Speaker, I represent the east side of the island, and we for decades had hosted a landfill right in between Kailua and Kaneohe. We've done our part, and we know that other portions of the island right now are stuck receiving the trash from the rest of the state. This is something that we want to help our other communities with as well. And so, Mr. Speaker, more than anything, I support this bill because it benefits the west side of the island and those communities who want to move beyond having to host landfills and beyond having to host waste-to-energy plants, and to help those communities do something different and achieve the same things which the east side of the island has, which is closing those down in the long term. Thank you very much."

Representative Quinlan rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Lee be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Keohokalole rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Lee be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Thielen rose to respond, stating:

"Still in opposition, Mr. Speaker, and may I adopt the words of our Minority Leader and my colleague from Ewa as if they were my own and add a few more. We're relying on a corporation, the ADC, that has not shown us what they can accomplish. So it's pie in the sky, Mr. Speaker, but it's expensive pie in the sky, and the objective, I don't see them being able to accomplish it. Yes, they can lease land to GMO companies, but what can they do in this area. And as our Minority Leader said so aptly, use the people that are skilled in these areas to do what they can do and need to do. ADC doesn't qualify. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative McDermott rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, still in opposition, but I would like to acknowledge the arguments of my friends from the Big Island, and Kailua, Waimanalo, they're sound and valid arguments. Our arguments are not with what to do,

our argument is who we're asking to execute. And we're asking ADC to execute, and they've proven a colossal failure at every turn.

"Don't take my word for it. Drive up to California Avenue, make a right, go down about three-quarters of a mile and there's Tamura's warehouse, still empty, \$4 million of taxpayer money sitting empty. Could have been classrooms, could have been payment towards gender equity. But not, we gave it to ADC and they've proven a failure. Or go out and look at the farmlands that's growing nothing but abandoned cars.

"Their arguments are sound and valid, and I agree with what they want to do, but we're giving it to the wrong guys to execute. They haven't proven to be successful. Their track record is one of failure, and that's why I object to the bill. But they have good arguments and I respect them, but it's not the argument, it's the guys we're giving the execution to. Thank you, sir."

Representative Thielen rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative McDermott be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2519, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives McDermott, Thielen, Tupola and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37-18 and H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Strong support, Mr. Speaker. In your opening day remarks, Mr. Speaker, you spoke about the need to be bold to address Hawaii's affordable housing shortage. You spoke about the need to provide funding for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund, and the need to partner with the private sector and nonprofit housing developers to get more affordable housing built in the State of Hawaii.

"HB 2748 more than delivers. By investing more than \$570 million in general funds and current and future general excise tax exemptions, the State will leverage these funds raised by the private and nonprofit developers to build over 25,000 affordable rental housing units over the next 12 years.

"I'd like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your bold vision, our Finance Chair from Nuanu for finding the means to carry this out, and special thanks to our Housing Chair from Waikiki for looking out for the least fortunate in our state. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I adopt the words of the previous speaker? Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Brower continued, stating:

"Members this is the first of two Housing Committee 'good in the hood' bills today, and more importantly, it's exciting, it's a symbol that it's this Chamber that's driving the conversation on affordable housing in Hawaii. And as earlier stated, we want to thank the Finance Chair, but I also want to thank the freshman chair of Housing who previously spoke, and this measure will provide a total of \$570 million to hopefully generate 25,000 affordable units by 2030, and it's the largest appropriation made by the Legislature, to demonstrate our relentless commitment to providing innovative solutions to our long-term housing demands.

"It's also a small sign that Reverend Bob Nakata's work is almost done, and what I would say to him, and I think he would say to us today, that God is in the details of this measure's implementation and adjustments. The real work begins, and my office and I will share information with you, will email

it to you, on this measure and another large measure we're voting on today, should you want to share these details with your community. Thank you."

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

"In support with some doubts, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think what everyone has said is spot on, but I see it as more as aspirational, given that we have been having housing summits for the last two decades, with promotions and promises, and even the numbers that DBEDT says we're 60,000 short, within the same period they said we're going to be building 25,000. Twenty-five from sixty, even though I don't like to do math in public, is nothing as a net gain when we're behind 6,000 every year.

"So Mr. Speaker, I see this as more as aspirational, we've got to try to do it, but as I said on this floor as a freshman, we should go to Singapore and see how they do it, because I don't think we know how to do public housing, affordable housing, or an oxymoron such as what we have for even Section 8 housing, with five to ten years on the waiting list.

"Mr. Speaker, this is nice because we promised it was going to be done, but as they say in one of the states, the test of the pudding is in the tasting, or show me, and then I'll believe it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd like to adopt the words of the Representative from Waikiki, and I'd like the part 'good in the hood' underlined. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. First, I'd like to say a few words with reservations, and primarily, my reservations is that this is a noble gesture on behalf of the authors of the conference draft, but the biggest issue for me walking the district that I represent will be the issue, do we have the capacity of our city and county sewer systems? Will we have the capacity in addressing these particular developments in different parts of the state, whereby sewer systems play a major integral part. We are getting away from cesspools, which is great, but I believe the alternative to cesspools, which are septic tanks, is not the answer for a lot of our homeowners.

"So one of the shortcomings is that, did we address it in this housing package, infrastructure for the four counties, sewer, water, and electricity? If we have, great, I'm willing to see by the end of this year who are the prospective developers. And it's the bare reality. You can build all these units you want, but if we don't have the infrastructure in place, what happens, it just backs up.

"So, congratulations to the authors of the measure, but let's hope we can get more concessions from the City, the State, and the Federal Government, in regards to also helping the developers in connecting their projects to the city and county sewer systems. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support. I send out a community survey every year, and when it came back, the number one issue that my community cared about was homelessness and housing. And so I stand in support, this bill is a step in the right direction to addressing those issues. Thank you."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Bill 2748, Conference Draft 1.

"Housing and the availability of affordable housing was an important priority for this legislative body from the beginning of this session. House

Bill 2748, CD 1 delivers on this promise to tackle the problems of affordable housing in our state. By making significant investments of \$200 million into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund, \$10 million into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund, and committing \$30 million per year in general excise tax exemptions for construction costs over a period of 12 years, the goal is to fund the development of over 22,000 affordable rental units for working families throughout the community. This combination of cash investments and tax exemptions represents a commitment of \$570 million to tackle the supply side of affordable housing.

"House Bill 2748, CD 1 goes beyond fiscal commitments and makes it a priority that developments benefiting from the GET exemption will serve the range of renters in our community. Specifically, this measure recognizes the stigma attached to the Housing Choice Voucher Program, also known as Section 8, that is an important federal program that assists low-income families, the elderly, and disabled individuals to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. House Bill 2748, CD 1 addresses the problem that participants in the Section 8 housing program often encounter in finding landlords who will rent to them and makes it a requirement that developments applying for the GET exemption will accept qualified residents participating in the Section 8 program.

"While some of the focus is on the lower end of the housing spectrum, this bill is also targeting development for households at or below 140% of area median income. For those working families who are not wealthy enough to afford a home in our expensive housing markets, by providing more affordable rental options, this measure will allow these same families the time and opportunity to save for purchase of a home of their own.

"Lastly, this bill also takes a small but important step forward in appropriating \$50,000 for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct an access and functional needs study for those individuals such as the frail and elderly, individuals with physical or severe mental disabilities, individuals transitioning from incarceration, emancipated foster youth, individuals with alcohol or drug addiction, individuals with HIV/AIDS, and survivors of domestic violence, who are in need of housing. By identifying the supportive services that these individuals require, inventorying the number of providers of these supportive services in each county, developing a system to forecast and monitor the number of these individuals with access and functional needs who are seeking affordable housing, and developing strategies to assist these individuals in retaining affordable housing in independent settings, House Bill 2748, CD 1 lays the groundwork in making affordable housing for these populations more accessible.

"I strongly support passage of House Bill 2748, CD 1 because it seeks to address different facets of affordable housing for many of Hawaii's most economically challenged groups and provides significant investments to build units across Hawaii's housing supply spectrum, demonstrating this legislature's strong and renewed commitment to tackling the problem of housing for all of Hawaii's residents."

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

"In support, short comments. I support and applaud the chair and vice chair for this bill. However, I believe it needs to go further. This bill basically prevents discrimination against Section 8 housing, Section 8 voucher recipients. It does not require developers to have Section 8 housing recipients. We have a problem that is not being addressed, and that is the Section 8 waiting list, which is not being brought down. I wish there were more monies towards that, that is the problem in my district, which is not being addressed by this bill. But I applaud the effort, and hopefully next time we go further. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Along with thanking the Finance Chair and the Housing Chair, I'd also like to give a big thanks to our Majority Policy Leaders for pushing this agenda forward with the homeless and housing. When they said this was going to be our priorities I was very happy, because as the Representative from Waialua said, my district, the homeless and housing is the top two priorities, automatic. And getting results for that

is kind of difficult, but with this bill and a few other bills that we have put out this session, I'm very happy, and I would just like to send thanks, and if I can have additional written comments into the Journal."

Representative Holt's written remarks are as follows:

"Because of the high demand of affordable housing, and comparatively low supply, it is not rare to be on a waiting list for several years. So effective management of housing wait lists remains a core competency. Maintaining compliance in this space allows us to ensure clean audits and reduce the likelihood of a negative fair housing claim. Overall, it's crucial that you follow established best practices for managing wait list openings, guaranteeing fair access, selecting applicants, and documenting these steps. This measure will look for those best practices to manage that waitlist in our state and each county to gain a better understanding of the current and future demands for and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with access and functional needs."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. Mr. Speaker, can I have the words of the Chair and Vice Chair of Housing to be inserted into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Mizuno continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This year has probably been the most comprehensive and robust year ever in our legislative history in dealing with two issues, homelessness and affordable housing. Mr. Speaker, this measure is commendable because it takes large steps towards creating sufficient affordable housing, making Hawaii more affordable, and solidifying a potential endgame for our state's homeless issue. See, I know we're dealing with homelessness, but unless there's affordable housing, we're not addressing homelessness fully, we still have the endgame. So as we line up a number of other bills to address homelessness, we needed affordable housing as the endgame to make this picture complete. Without it, we'd still be having major issues with our homeless."

"Furthermore, affordable housing is needed if we're to end our homeless crisis in Hawaii. At the end of the day, even if we have every person experiencing homelessness in Hawaii, and we help them find their way off the streets, we get them in the shelters, we get them into ohana zones, we still need to transition them into affordable housing. This measure creates affordable housing that may become their home someday."

"Mr. Speaker, more affordable housing means a more affordable Hawaii. For our residents, a better life, also for our next generation, and a destination for those struggling to find a way out of homelessness. At the end of the day, affordable housing is needed if we're ever to properly address homelessness. I support this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Keohokalole rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representatives Nakamura and Mizuno be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Mr. Speaker, I would actually like to thank the entire body of the Legislature. This is actually part two of the conversation that the Legislature started last year in working with the development community and working in the interim with the various chairs and the construction industry to come out with this draft. So I want to thank all the Members of the Legislature for being the champion of affordable housing and for coming up with this out-of-the-box solution in working with the construction industry and improving on that."

"One of the things that we wanted to highlight in this bill is that this provides affordable rental units. It's not affordable sale units, it's affordable rental units, and as one of the speakers, okay what happened to the 64,000 units that we need? Well, 64,000 number came from DBEDT as the total amount of units including the units that needs to satisfy the number of inbound, inbound individuals who come to the state. So they don't specify what should be provided for local residents compared to what should be

provided for investment, and I don't think it is the goal of this body to provide luxury houses, luxury market homes that will be sold as investment property, and that's why the focus really should be on what the true number is. And according to Bob Nakata and significant research with DBEDT, the amount of rentals that will be needed by 2030 is around 20,000, and that's what this accomplishes. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, also in support with now even more doubts. Mr. Speaker, the numbers are very clear, we are now about 25,000 units short, and according to the Council on Revenues and the various people at the University of Hawaii, we need 6,000 units just to keep up with the population, nothing to do with tourists. Six thousand a year, which when you do the math, what we've got in this bill is enough to catch up where we are, but if you go ahead to where this thing is supposed to happen, we're still going to be 25,000 short. So we've got to face the numbers. This is a good election year gesture, but it doesn't solve the problem. We have not been able in this legislature--"

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Will the Representative please address you?"

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Please address the Chair, thank you."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"This does not solve the problem, Mr. Speaker. We need this as a lever, if you will, a fulcrum to get a more robust, every year, not just this year, Mr. Speaker. That's my point. My point is, I'm in full support of it, but we've got to look at the numbers in a way that's a bit more realistic, because we are now 25,000 short, and we project ahead 25,000 that we're going to build. What do we have as a net gain? Twenty-five thousand still yet to be built. And Mr. Speaker, we only have I think less than 50% of the people in this state who are owners. We are one of the lowest homeownership people or states in the nation. So we've got to really build houses. Not only rental, but also for the purpose of ownership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I wasn't going to speak on this issue, but I took slight offense at this being characterized as an election year special. This is doing something concrete. People have been demanding us, you guys have been full of talk, affordable housing, affordable housing, affordable housing, every election, every year. Now we're stepping up and delivering."

"And the rental market, Mr. Speaker, I want to speak on that briefly, and may I have the words of the Finance Chair in regards to the rental market entered into the record as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative McKelvey continued, stating:

"We need affordable rentals desperately, my community especially, Lahaina, West Maui, it's a dearth of affordable rentals for our workforce. This cripples our economy. How are we going to handle this influx of seats and visitors, if you don't have affordable rentals for the workforce to provide this economic base that's needed, how do you catch up? A home isn't one size fits all, housing is not all one size fits all. We need a strategy that attacks it like laser, and rentals are a huge component of it."

"To do nothing is not an option. This does something. We've got more to do, but this takes a huge strike at the problem, especially, again, on the affordable rental market, which quite frankly has not had the issue addressed, and this year we have, and so I stand in support. Thank you."

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

Representative LoPresti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. The lack of truly affordable housing in Hawaii consistently places at the top of the list of concerns and hardships for all of our constituents. I want to commend everyone for their hard work on this issue to provide real relief to the hardworking people of Hawaii."

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

Representative Fukumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I commend this body for taking such significant action to address the housing crisis in our state. Supporting affordable housing efforts by dedicating a significant amount of state funds that will legitimately begin to provide more housing opportunities for lower income families is a long overdue act. For years, we have watched this problem grow while offering far too few resources to effectively offer solutions.

"I believe we need to continue fighting for our working families by continuing to find ways to lower housing costs for our residents. For years I have felt it my duty to speak for the growing demographic who can no longer afford to live in the state that we grew up in and love. For us, Hawaii is our home, and we simply can't afford it anymore.

"As I said before this body in 2016, 'If the housing shortage is a crisis, let's treat it like a crisis. Let's explore every avenue possible to solving the crisis rather than continuing to talk about it. Let's be creative. Let's be collaborative. Let's apply for every federal grant, reach out to every agency possible and make a concerted effort to fix this, now. Let's lead the country in innovation. Let's build right-now rental housing and let's set real goals for home ownership.'"

"While this measure is a good start to dealing with this, we have a number of other options that it's time to prioritize. Over the past five years, we have lost billions in federal funding to our state which includes transportation, utility infrastructure, and housing money. Let's start getting that funding back. Let's look at bond flotation to further fund affordable housing projects. Let's hold developers accountable to their affordable housing requirements. Let's offer incentives to those developers who specifically focus on building housing units at accessible price points. Let's establish a refundable earned income tax credit.

"We can do more, Mr. Speaker, and we need to for our citizens to be able to stay here at home."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Say voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40-18 and H.B. No. 1874, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1874, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. Just permission to insert comments on this and the following measure, and I just want to thank the introducers. Thank you."

Representative LoPresti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. This measure helps unit owners gain a level playing field with the condominium association. It expands the dispute resolution options so that disputes can be resolved quickly and efficiently with subsidies from the Condominium Education Trust Fund."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1874, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41-18 and H.B. No. 1873, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1873, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 10:33 o'clock a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2361, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2407, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2488, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1602, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2106, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2169, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2519, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1874, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1873, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

At 10:33 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:42 o'clock a.m., with Vice Speaker Nakashima presiding.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42-18 and H.B. No. 1621, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1621, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tupola rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition, specifically in regards to part I. I'm just going to speak briefly on it. This bill would prohibit merchants with a brick and mortar store from charging a purchaser any fee, including a processing fee or an administrative fee, to repair, replace, or refund damaged or defective goods.

"We know that the cost of doing business here is very high. Many, many, many, many people know that running business in Hawaii is one of the hardest things to do, and keep it going.

"The Retail Merchants of Hawaii stated in their testimony that retailers often have no way of knowing if the item truly contained a manufacturer's defect or if it was damaged during transit. And you can imagine that, seeing as though we're an island, a lot of the goods that are sent are sent via shipment.

"Most retailers operate in good faith and will resolve the purchase of damaged or defective goods by replacing the item, and for those companies large enough, they often offer free return shipping. However, the cost of any processing or administrative fee for return items will burden small local businesses. Meaning that, if this passes then they will have to raise prices in order to compensate for that possibility that people will charge them for it, and also, it may cause consumers to practice friendly fraud, where they want to return something that wasn't defective on shipment, they just didn't want it.

"I definitely think that the cost of living here in Hawaii didn't rise overnight, it was small, small bits getting chopped around where it was making it harder for businesses to operate, making it harder for businesses to keep their prices down, because of mandates just like this. It's something small, it's seemingly miniscule, but in the larger scheme of things, it's one more roadblock for businesses. And we definitely want to see our businesses thrive. We want our economy to boost, and anything we can do to help them,

I know that that's what we want to do, is to make sure that the economy in Hawaii thrives. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition, please. Mr. Speaker, in addition to what my colleague has just said, I would say that this is the first anti-business, anti-small business, anti-economic growth bill for the session, at least on this OD right now. In addition to what my colleague said that we are out of step with the rest of the nation, particularly regarding refunds and things that we're restocking, I mean that's kind of common, but when we come to, and my points are regarding the franchisees, the restaurants. This bill requires a restaurant to post a sign in it that says, you are not included, or we are not including this deal that was on the national franchise advertisement.

"It adds an unnecessary burden of putting another sign in big bold letters in front of a restaurant. Not only distasteful, but it's unbecoming of the profession of what are now sit-down restaurants, not fast-food restaurants. Signs will have to be constantly changed to keep abreast of this, Mr. Speaker."

At 10:46 o'clock a.m., Representative Saiki requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:46 o'clock a.m.

At 10:47 o'clock a.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:53 o'clock a.m.

At this time, Representative Luke moved to postpone further consideration of H.B. No. 1621, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 until Thursday, May 3, seconded by Representative Belatti.

The Chair then stated:

"Members, this is a non-debatable subsidiary motion, we will do this by voice vote. Members, we are going to take a voice vote. If you vote aye, you are in favor of the postponement. Vote no if you are opposed to the postponement."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and further consideration of H.B. No. 1621, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 was postponed until Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43-18 and H.B. No. 2003, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2003, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Har voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45-18 and H.B. No. 2182, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2182, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Bill 2182, Conference Draft 1, the second of a trio of bills setting forth important work to be done to protect and improve our environment for future generations.

"Hawaii is one of the most isolated and diverse places on earth and is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Rising global temperatures continue to threaten the biodiversity of our planet's ecosystems and are permanently changing the life cycles of plants and animals causing devastating effects to our environment.

"Hawaii has a history of committing to mitigating the negative effects of these rising temperatures and must continue to do so. In 2017, Act 33 was signed into law establishing a Carbon Farming Task Force to identify agricultural, aquaculture, and agroforestry practices with the intention of improving soil health and promoting carbon sequestration across the State's agricultural, aquacultural, and agroforestry sectors.

"House Bill 2182, CD 1 renames that task force to be the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force to better reflect the work of the task force which includes establishing a baseline for greenhouse gas emissions within Hawaii with short and long-term benchmarks for increasing greenhouse gas sequestration in the State's agricultural and natural environment.

"Certification Program: The task force will also identify criteria to measure baseline levels and increases in greenhouse gas sequestration, improvements in soil health, increases in agricultural and aquacultural product yield, or other indicators that could be attributed to greenhouse gas sequestration. All of these measures, then, may be used to create a certification program for promoting agricultural and aquacultural practices that benefit increased production of food and other greenhouse gas sequestration benefits.

"Increasing Greenhouse Gas Sequestration through Better Policies: The task force will also identify the following: (1) policies and mitigation options that promote agricultural and aquacultural practices that increase greenhouse gas sequestration; (2) ways to increase the generation and use of compost in Hawaii to build healthy soils; and (3) practices and policies that add trees or vegetation to add to the urban tree canopy to reduce ambient temperatures and increase climate resiliency.

"Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target: House Bill 2182, CD 1 also takes the important step of establishing a statewide target to sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than is emitted within the state within no later than 2045. This ensures that Hawaii is fulfilling its *kuleana* in addressing the global threats to our community and to communities around the world.

"House Bill 2182, CD 1 demonstrates this legislature's commitment and proactive approach to addressing the threats to our environment and to the health and well-being of our communities."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2182, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Har voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51-18 and S.B. No. 134, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 134, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Say rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Nakamura rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Nakamura's written remarks are as follows:

"While I support smoke-free working and learning environments, I'm concerned about the right of employees to negotiate over terms and

conditions of employment and current arbitration proceedings to resolve this dispute.

"Since 2009 the Legislature has allowed smoking in 'outdoor areas of places of employment' in Section 328J-7, HRS. The proposed SB 134 will not give union workers the opportunity to smoke in outdoor areas near their workplace. Given the size of many university campuses, SB 134 would require a vehicle and additional time to get to the outside perimeter of a UH campus to smoke.

"While we can all agree that smoking is hazardous to one's health and the health of those exposed to second-hand smoke, I'm concerned about collective bargaining implications and therefore vote with reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 134, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Nakamura and Say voting aye with reservations, and with Representative McDermott voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55-18 and S.B. No. 2087, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2087, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. Mr. Speaker, this is an excellent bill. This is a bill that saves lives, and it's for those who are swimming and who may even be knowledgeable about the ocean. This is something that is a rescue tube that can be thrown to people who are in distress or who are tired or fatigued, and Mr. Speaker, even in my district, Hanauma Bay, people drowned left, right, front and center, unfortunately, and these are local as well as visitors. Also, the famous or infamous spitting caves, the young high school people dare each other. They jump into waters that blast them against the rocks or take them out.

"Mr. Speaker, this is an invaluable lifesaver and it's simply a rescue tube, and I have one in my office, if anyone cares to look at it. And I want to commend Senator Chang for introducing this bill. Its origin is the Hawaii Kai Lions, which borrowed and took it from the Kauai Lions Club, and it's for the benefit of the State of Hawaii. And lastly, Mr. Speaker, this is a good Samaritan non-liability, if you have one of these on your property, even if you live in any waterfront property, and people use it, you will not be sued or liable for that. Mr. Speaker, this is all around good policy, good legislation, and it saves lives. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2087, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59-18 and H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 2134, Conference Draft 1.

"Sadly, in this age of social media, digital communication, and electronic devices, 'revenge pornography' or the nonconsensual disclosure of images or videos of individuals engaged in a sex act or in the nude is a problem we confront more and more. As a form of cyberbullying and harassment, revenge pornography can have far-reaching consequences from embarrassment and humiliation to forced sex trafficking. While revenge

pornography affects all, this problem disproportionately affects women and can have devastating effects on one's self-esteem, reputation, and career.

"This measure addresses this growing problem of revenge pornography by amending the offense of violation of privacy in the first degree to prohibit threats to disclose an image or video, specifically including disclosures that are acts of revenge or retribution, and requiring that any recording or image that is the subject of the offense be kept confidential.

"This measure sends a clear message that efforts to threaten, humiliate, and intimidate people through the electronic circulation of explicit images are unacceptable and that the privacy and confidentiality of victims will be protected if these abhorrent acts of revenge pornography are prosecuted."

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in strong support.

"I support this bill because it strengthens Hawaii's protections for the victims of revenge pornography.

"Revenge pornography is a horrible act. As the ease of taking and spreading invasive photos and videos increases, our laws must adapt to protect as many victims as possible.

"Victims of revenge pornography often suffer from nightmares and night terrors; from depression, anxiety, and fear; from PTSD and substance abuse.

"This bill helps deter violations of privacy by closing loopholes in our existing law, and giving prosecutors more tools to go after criminals.

"The bill does this in three ways.

"First, it adds a new prohibition not just of actually disclosing an image or video, but of threatening to disclose an image or video of revenge pornography. This will give prosecutors a new tool to help the victims of emotional blackmail or extortion.

"Second, the bill makes it illegal to disclose an image or video for the purpose of harming someone's education. This will help protect the futures of young people against those who would try to force them from school through shame.

"Finally, the bill adds a catchall provision that will broaden our ability to prosecute any disclosures of images or videos for the purpose of revenge or retaliation. This will fill any gaps in our existing law's precise categories, making sure there is always a way to prosecute those who do wrong.

"For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is a very good bill, and a great step forward for decency and respect in our society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLATION OF PRIVACY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-18 and H.B. No. 2247, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2247, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Lee moved to recommit Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-18 and the attached proposed conference draft to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-18 and H.B. No. 2247, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66-18 and S.B. No. 2436, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2436, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in support. Just a brief comment. It shortens the amount of time that someone disqualified from gun ownership has to voluntarily surrender or dispose of all firearms from 30 days to 7 days. This underlying statute is an important mechanism to keep dangerous people, like those convicted of domestic violence, from holding on to their guns. Reducing the time period from 30 to 7 days will speed up the disposal or surrender process and ensure safer communities. And I'd like to also insert more additional comments into the Journal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in support.

"SB 2436 shortens the amount of time that someone disqualified from gun ownership has to voluntarily surrender or dispose of all firearms and ammunition from 30 days to seven days.

"Disqualifying convictions include committing a felony, any crime of violence, or illegal sales of drugs.

"The underlying statute is an important mechanism to keep dangerous people – like those convicted for domestic violence – from holding onto their guns.

"I've always been a champion of women's issues and will continue to advocate for laws that make Hawaii a safer and fairer place for all.

"Since women are disproportionately victims of domestic abuse and other crimes that would disqualify gun ownership, this bill is one such way to keep all residents, but especially women, safer.

"Reducing the time period from 30 days to seven days will speed up the disposal or surrender process and ensure safer communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Belatti rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Matsumoto be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative LoPresti's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. This important measure will protect victims and potential victims by reducing the amount of time allowed for a disqualified person to voluntarily surrender their firearms. When a person is disqualified from owning a firearm, there is no reason they should need 30 days to surrender. In fact, the time period immediately following the disqualification can be the most dangerous and hazardous time. A lot can happen in 30 days, which is a long, stressful time full of fear and apprehension for any potential victims. Seven days is more than enough time for voluntary surrender."

Representative Kong rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2436, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Kong voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy, Har and Tokioka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69-18 and H.B. No. 1768, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1768, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tupola rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. This bill seeks to change the disclosure of legislative salary stats, and Civil Beat actually, one of their most popular articles lists the salaries of state employees. And one of the things that we talk about a lot here is making sure that we are doing things in a transparent way. As we know we had a previous bill we discussed in regards to disclosures for ethics for boards, which is different than this, but it's still the same purpose, which is that the discussion hovered around the fact that we are trying to make government more transparent so that people actually feel like they know what's going on, where their tax dollars are being spent.

"When public records are exact, it's clear if this legislative salaries are being used for favoritism, and that's what people want to see, so that when we put it out there, nobody has any question. Everything's in the black and white, nobody can say either way what happened because everything was transparent. The public should know the difference between these salaries, and when I talk to people, one of their top issues is transparency in government. As we have a lot of different projects that people are losing public faith in what we're doing here in the government, we need to seek to keep those lines of transparency open so that we can go in the right direction, so people actually want to engage and know what's going on. And for those reasons, I'm in opposition. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition also. Mr. Speaker, in addition to everything that my colleague said, this truly summarily is a step backward in terms of transparency. It hides what otherwise is very apparent when we have now, as the status quo, who's making what in which areas is known to everyone. I want to thank Civil Beat for bringing out the fact that, and I'm going to name some names, Mr. Speaker, and I'm going to get put out of order, but the Majority Research Office makes 40% more than the Minority Research Office, and this would cover that up. Salaries are not equitable between the minority and the majority, even though qualifications are comparable.

"Having said that, Mr. Speaker, this is another way of giving a disclosure, or let's say a blanket over the eyes of the public to see these inequities, in addition to what my colleague said, as a way of giving favoritism or giving increases, and if you go just below the A, B or C levels, no one will ever know. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is a step backwards in transparency. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Just very briefly, I think one of the things that makes the Legislature a very different employer is that each of us represent the employer and each of us make decisions that bind the body. And accordingly, because so many of us rightfully have the prerogatives on behalf of our district and behalf of our offices, makes for an increasingly challenging employment workplace. As such, I think the minority critique ignores the fact that disclosure is still mandated, it just happens to be in \$15,000 increments. So while you cannot see the exact salary, you still can see ranges that are within \$15,000, thus being able to ensure that the public can inspect and judge for themselves.

"But I think the employment landscape here in the House and in the Senate is far more complex than the civil service. I shouldn't say, it's not more complex than the civil service, but it's different, rather, than some of the other employment landscapes, and that's why I think this bill tries to help facilitate the better running of the House and the Senate while still preserving transparency. Thank you."

Representative Thielen rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. So it's different, so therefore we hide the information by having a salary range. This body also was trying to hide the information of important board and commission members that would be appointed."

Representative Quinlan rose, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. She has the floor, these people are interrupting her, and she is not out of order."

At 11:04 o'clock a.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:06 o'clock a.m.

Representative Thielen continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in opposition. This measure can permit inequity to continue. There are 46 of you, there are 5 of us. Our staff members deserve the equal salaries that are granted to the majority members' staff members. When this is hidden by a range--"

Representative Belatti rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is off point."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"Point of order of the point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is not off."

Representative Thielen continued, stating:

"I am speaking to the measure."

At 11:06 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:16 o'clock a.m.

Representative Thielen continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been asked to continue or to confine my remarks to the demerits of this bill, and I will try to do that. What this does, Mr. Speaker, is perpetuates an inequity. And I thought, with the majority party having 46 members, they could try to make things equal within our body. Well, they aren't. And our staff members are not treated equally, and this is what the bill will be able to continue to perpetuate. I'm a very strong no on it, Mr. Speaker, and I think it's in the best interest of this body if we recommit the bill. We know that on the Senate side there is no minority party, so they don't even have the issue. So we could go ahead and take the more democratic approach and recommit the bill, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, Representative Thielen moved to recommit, seconded by Representative Ward.

At 11:17 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:17 o'clock a.m.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am speaking in support of the motion to recommit. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, when a measure is faulty, it really is this body's job to look at that and to realize the measure should be recommitted for further work or further study. I think that is very clearly the situation here. This is not a measure that even affects the Senate. So it's really right here, within our House, only within our House, where we need to take a look at this and say, is keeping these salaries secret in the best interest of a democratic process and open government. And I say, no, it isn't. So I support the motion to recommit."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support of the recommittal, and I believe my staff member has the actual differential in the salaries between the two, even though they're not on the floor. Because this a matter of equity, it's a matter of fairness, it's a matter of what I think the Women's Caucus has pleaded for, of what we do for the homeless, what we do for other people. We are striving to keep democracy alive."

Representative Luke rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order. This is really about the discussion of the recommittal, not on the substance."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Please limit your discussion to the purpose of the recommittal."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"The recommittal is to keep democracy alive by having transparency and other relevant parts of motions on this body. This body governs the State of Hawaii, Mr. Speaker. How we behave sends a message to the people out there. How we want to make things open and transparent is to our benefit, Mr. Speaker. And if Civil Beat gets onto this and digs even further, we're all going to look even worse than the way the bill is right now, in its recommittal stage. Which I think, Mr. Speaker, is the best thing to do. If not recommittal, let's have it voted on Thursday, so we can get beyond where we are now, stuck in a trough. Thank you."

Representative Belatti rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. In this day and age, this kind of salary information, this specific kind of salary information, is personal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, any public salary is public. Anybody who works for the government, whether it's federal, state, or city and county, is the public's business."

Representative Mizuno rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Point of order. The point is, they can only debate on the merits on the motion, not on the merits of the bill at this point, and the motion is to recommit or not to recommit. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Please limit your discussion to the motion to recommit."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, when there's an untruth on the floor, do we have the right to retort, when there's an untruth spoken on the floor, we have no right to retort? The point is, Mr. Speaker, whenever taxpayers' monies are used, the taxpayers, the public, our constituents have a right to know how much

money is being spent, and therefore salaries for federal, state, and staff, city and county, deserve that same openness and transparency. That's my point, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

The motion to recommit was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry.

(Main Motion)

Representative Matsumoto rose in opposition to the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in opposition.

"HB 1768 is another one of the bills this session that will make Hawaii's government less accessible and transparent.

"Like the previously considered bill that tried to hide the salaries of public board members, this bill allows legislative employee's salaries in public record to be listed in increments of \$15,000 instead of their exact amounts.

"This is yet another way this legislature is working against good-government practices and making it more difficult for the public to know what is happening in their government.

"In our current political climate, people are increasingly distrustful of government and have less confidence than ever about how or why decisions are made.

"Not only is this bill bad for government transparency, but it may lead to differential treatment among legislative staff.

"With \$15,000 increments, there's no way to tell if certain staffers are being paid significantly more than others. There's a big difference between an office manager making \$51,000 and an office manager making \$66,000 a year.

"Finally, it's ironic that we would pass legislation shielding salary information at the same time as we pass legislation addressing the gender-pay gap.

"When exact salaries are public record, everyone can easily see if women and men are being paid the same amount. However, if this bill becomes law, it will be much harder to tell if women are being paid the same as men for the same work. It's unacceptable that this legislature, which has tasked itself with tackling one of the foremost of women's issues, would consider legislation that may increase inequality in this very building.

"For those reasons, I am in opposition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative McDermott rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the body is engaging in a little bit of schizophrenia here. When we take great strides with equal pay, pay equity, ensuring that that sort of information is available so women in the workforce get a fair shot, and then here, we seem to be going in the opposite direction. However so slight, it seems to be a degree of obfuscation.

"And we have a minority research, you could make the argument that they only have five members, so why should that person be paid the same as an individual running majority research, where you have 40-something? Well, the responsibilities are no different, they have to manage the same amount of bills and try and get the same individuals assigned to conference committees, *et cetera, et cetera*, and you could make the argument that it's even a more difficult job because the lack of support, five or six people to do the same job that the majority has. So I would just put that into

consideration for the future, Mr. Speaker, but I'm going to stand in opposition of this. Thank you, sir."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1768, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION PRACTICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Choy, Har, Matsumoto, McDermott, Thielen, Tokioka, Tupola and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71-18 and H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ON INTANGIBLE PROPERTY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Choy, DeCoite, Har, Ito, McDermott, Say, Tokioka and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77-18 and S.B. No. 2461, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2461, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative LoPresti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Fake service animals can create very real problems for legitimate service animals. Legitimate service animals are highly trained to the tune of \$20,000 – \$90,000. Fake service animals have been known to distract and accost real service animals, which can cost thousands of dollars to the disabled handlers to get them re-trained. If the service animal is traumatized enough by the incident, re-training is ineffective and the handlers are left with no other option but to get a new service animal. These people aren't bringing their animals into stores for fun, or because they get lonely – the people who use service animals have debilitating disabilities and literally can't function in their daily life without them. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act makes it clear that service animals are allowed in public facilities and accommodations, but emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. It is a disservice to Americans with disabilities if we allow individuals without disabilities to bring untrained animals in restaurants, stores, and public facilities as if they were service animals."

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

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Strong support. This is a very important issue in my district. For those who live in condominiums that otherwise prohibit pet owners, many seem to host pets under the guise of a service animal. This has led to many *kūpuna* and residents who have pet allergies to deal with behavioral issues of dogs that are not properly trained. With proper enforcement mechanisms in place, this bill will deter those who think they can circumvent the law for amendable living conditions. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2461, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78-18 and S.B. No. 2582, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2582, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week we celebrated the life of Kaulana Werner, and it's been two years since this tragedy hit our community. And I know, I think actually uncle and aunty left already, but I just wanted to say thank you to the introducers and thank you to this whole body as well as to the Senate members who were able to make this bill possible. I think for a lot of the community members, there's still grieving, and I feel like in a small way this bill is helping them to try to find some resolve.

"And this past week, I just wanted to say the names. The four young men that were honored was Kaulana Werner, Troy Kahoohilaha, Daniel Mole, and Jonah Ragsdale. And I also wanted to mention Kailen Wong as well as all of the others that have lost lives in our community due to negligent homicide or other reasons. And I think it's about time that we had a bill that actually creates a type of consequence when you fail to render aid, as opposed to letting some of these people that have caused this harm and hurt to families to go months if not years without even one day of consequence, not even one day of prison time. So I just wanted to say thank you and give support. *Mahalo.*"

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

"In support, permission to insert written comments. Thank you."

Representative Gates's written remarks are as follows:

"On April 24th, 2016, Kaulana Werner's life was tragically ended in front of his family home when he was struck by a drunk driver in Nānākuli. The driver fled the scene, showing no remorse and a callous heart. Kaulana was 19 years old and was said to bring joy to all that encountered him. The driver is still free and any punishment she is likely to face will hardly provide solace to the survivors.

"This is not an isolated incident, with another event happening last President's Day weekend, when the Wai'anae community lost two young residents that were loved by many to a hit and run in Mākaha. My heartfelt condolences go out to the Ragsdale and Mole *ohana* for their tragic loss of Jonah and Daniel.

"The Werner, Ragsdale and Mole families deserve better. Our community deserves better. We demand safe streets for our residents and punishments that not only fit the crime, but serve to deter future criminals.

"This year marks the second anniversary of the death of Kaulana Werner, and we honor these victims and their families by passing Senate Bill 2582. This measure will increase the maximum prison sentence for any individual that flees a crime scene. SB 2582 will help bring justice to community members who have lost loved ones through hit and run incidents, and serve as a warning to others by showing that harsh consequences do exist when the life of another is taken so needlessly."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First, I'd like to thank the Judiciary Chairs in both the House and the Senate for moving a bill that seeks to protect and deter individuals who make certain dangerous decisions and take innocent lives through reckless acts. Mr. Speaker, many families throughout our state have suffered tremendous losses through the actions I just described, and feel that the current system does not fit the crime. Mr. Speaker, this measure tries to rectify that. Thank you very much."

Representative Yamane rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Aquino be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2582, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXTENDED TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-18 and H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd like to commend the introducer and thank him for his work on this. I definitely think that in our, not just our community, but across the state, this is becoming an issue. One of the main things that we've seen become a problem with abandoned vehicles is the fact that it actually becomes a danger to the community.

"In one of the areas of my district where we had an abandoned vehicle, it wasn't just that it was abandoned, there was actually a dead body found in it. And in two other areas on this island, the same thing happened. Because certain activities happen in these abandoned vehicles for undetermined amounts of times, people don't address it, the cars become then shelters or other forms of recreational activity happen in it. And so, making sure that there's actually a time period in which they have to be removed, this is very important.

"And I hope that everyone knows that aside from this bill there's also going to have to be a lot of work put in on our part as legislators because there's a fair amount of roads that are in our communities that are private, and some of these roads have just as much issues as city and county roads. So there are various ways to address the problem, but I'm grateful and hopeful with this step in the right direction that many other people will join in, jump in. We're going to have to give our efforts as legislators to try to connect those pieces in areas where there isn't currently a solution on private roads, as well as teaching other people how they can identify derelict vehicles and actually take this process into their own hand and help to alleviate the burden that is currently on our city and county. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support. Abandoned vehicles have become serious safety and environmental hazards when left in our communities for an extended period of time, not only in my district, but across the entire state. This bill requires the counties to remove abandoned vehicles from our communities within 10 days of being reported. This measure also makes it easier to dispose of abandoned vehicles by making a public auction optional for derelict vehicles, and gives the counties and agencies rulemaking powers to further streamline the removal process.

"This is a very important issue for my community in particular, and I would like to thank the Transportation and Judiciary in both the House and Senate, including the county agencies that worked diligently to pass this measure and ensure the safety of our *keiki* and residents and preserve the beauty of our *āina*. Mr. Speaker, permission to insert written comments into the Journal. Thank you."

Representative Gates's written remarks are as follows:

"Abandoned vehicles are widespread in communities across our state, rusting away on our public roads and highways. They are not only an eyesore, but a safety and environmental hazard that need to be removed as quickly as possible.

"H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 requires the counties to remove all abandoned vehicles within 10 business days of being reported. One of the main complaints I hear from my constituents is about abandoned vehicles and it is not just in Leeward O'ahu, it is statewide. These vehicles are a safety hazard for *keiki* who are tempted to play in them, and an environmental hazard as they leak toxic fuel and liquids into our *āina*.

"This bill changes current law to require rather than request that the counties remove abandoned vehicles within 10 business days of being reported. An abandoned vehicle is defined as having been left unattended for more than 24 hours and unlawfully parked on public or private lands adjacent to a public road. Additionally, it gives the agency rulemaking

power to streamline the removal process and makes a public auction of derelict vehicles at the discretion of the county.

"I believe a requirement for the counties to remove the derelict vehicles within 10 days will bring about the change our communities demand and deserve. We love our neighborhoods and it hurts to see them inundated with so many abandoned vehicles."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, and may I have the words of the previous speaker entered into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Strong support, written comments, please."

Representative Quinlan's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill is a much needed measure for my community. Abandoned cars are a very particular form of blight, one that poses significant public safety hazards. They are an arsonists' delight, havens for criminal activity, and a very visible sign that our government is not working properly."

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

"Mr. Speaker, same request, in strong support. Thank you."

Representative Ito's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in strong support for H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1. Requiring the counties to remove all abandoned vehicles within 10 business days of being reported is a first step toward addressing the visual blight and safety concerns associated with these vehicles. Constituents in my district and residents throughout the state have increasingly complained about the many safety hazards, as well as environmental and parking problems created by abandoned vehicles."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support and would like to adopt the words of the speaker from Waianae into the record as if they were my own. And I think this will also have a huge effect on our airports where a lot of vehicles get abandoned. Thanks," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 11:32 o'clock a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2003, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2182, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 134, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2087, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2436, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1768, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2461, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2582, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

At 11:32 o'clock a.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:19 o'clock p.m.

LATE INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Ito introduced Mr. Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League.

Representative Tupola introduced Mr. Daniel Alexander, Advocacy, Planning & Communication Director, Hawaii Bicycling League.

Representative Ward introduced Ms. Lisa Bishop, President, Friends of Hanauma Bay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81-18 and H.B. No. 2215, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2215, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. The other day I was almost run over by a bicyclist on the sidewalk. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, and just briefly. I've been working with the Hawaii Bicycling League for many years to get a bike path in Hawaii. Safe biking is something that is extremely important, and this bill aligns us with national trends. Hawaii is one of only nine states that doesn't have safe passing laws to protect bicyclists. So, just in strong support. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just strong support. I just want to applaud the Legislature for doing this. I used to commute by bicycle when I was in grad school every day, and every day it was taking my life into my hands, and I'm glad we're taking measures to help protect people who are choosing the greener ways of traveling. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2215, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BICYCLES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86-18 and S.B. No. 2719, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2719, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88-18 and S.B. No. 2699, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2699, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tupola rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2699, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 9 noes, with Representatives Choy, Evans, Har, Kong, Matsumoto, McDermott, Say, Tokioka and Tupola voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89-18 and S.B. No. 1208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations, and I'd like to just explain why. Thank you. This is for a special purpose revenue bond for Twin Bridge Farms, and my concern is that that operation, for the vast part of it, is doing GMO farming. There's a very small amount of regular ag and then a very tiny amount of organic ag, and my reservations are on the GMO part. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support. I'd just like to note that we do have goals of increasing agricultural production, and these guys make the tastiest asparagus you could ever hope for. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also in support. Twin Bridge Farms is located in my district in Waiialua and is known for its asparagus that is in many restaurants. And we're always talking about building local food for local people, and while they do other types of ag, they do produce a lot of local food for local people, asparagus, onions, tomatoes, and other crops. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Thielen voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91-18 and S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Choy's written remarks are as follows:

"In opposition to S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1.

"This bill is a slippery slope similar to Act 97 Session Laws of 1965 and will end up like S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1. This is not good public policy, and I would like to reference my comments on S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129-18."

Representative Thielen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"With reservations, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I fully support the intention of this bill, which is to help Hawaii public libraries. In fact, we just had the opening of our public library in Nanakuli, and it's beautiful.

"I would like to point out some important testimony, though, that came through in this bill, and that it's stated that the Hawaii State Public Library System doesn't currently hold title to the lands under which the public libraries sit. And also in testimony they said that they don't have expertise necessary to guide the public library system through a pilot program which would involve redevelopment, leasing, and management of library.

"I'm also concerned about the commercialization of this bill, specifically in regards to the fact that there is a point in the public trust doctrine that states that in the Admission Act of 1959, that the support of anything used on these public lands should be for the support of public schools and other public institutions, and I think that that's ultimately what we want to see. We want to see the libraries thrive, and we want to find ways to help them, but we need to make sure that the intention of having any type of business or entity actually being able to lease or be managed by the State on these lands has to do directly with educational purposes. So I think those are my reservations, and I'm sure other people had same concerns. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is simply just to create a way to bring more, potentially, funds in for our much needed public libraries. It's limited to five properties, and I urge my colleagues to please support this proposal."

Representative McKelvey rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Woodson be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Thielen, Tokioka and Tupola voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy and Say voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92-18 and S.B. No. 2051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94-18 and S.B. No. 2556, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2556, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising in support of this measure with a few comments. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this is relating to agriculture, and it's a Senate bill that is going to continue and fund the state industrial hemp project. For those of us here in the Chamber, I just wanted to give some quick information about the potential of industrial hemp that is now being discovered, now that different scientists are able to examine the plant.

"Here is one that says, results from some of the first studies to examine hemp's ability to fight cancer show that it might one day be useful as plant-based treatment for ovarian cancer. New findings tied to hemp's anti-cancer properties will be presented at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology's annual meeting this spring in San Diego. The therapeutic potential of an extract known as KY-hemp is produced from hemp grown in Kentucky.

"Kentucky is ahead of us, Mr. Speaker, because they started aggressively the minute the federal farm act passed in 2014. They started aggressively with a hemp research project, with a tremendous amount of support from their governor and their administration. Our project has kind of stumbled forward, but it's had wonderful support from the Finance Committee and support in the Senate. We just need the administration to be more on board and more aggressive about it.

"They're showing that adding various doses of the Kentucky hemp extract to cultured ovarian cells has led to a significant dose-dependent slowing of cell migration. And the extract might be useful for stopping or slowing down metastasis, the spreading of cancer to other parts of the body.

"This is a dramatic research, something that we should be able to do here, and we have a wonderful team from University of Hawaii that is working on the hemp research project here.

"Kentucky hemp slows ovarian cancer comparable to or even better than the current ovarian cancer drug Cisplatin. Since Cisplatin exhibits high toxicity, we anticipate that hemp would carry less side effects.

"So, we have a miracle plant, Mr. Speaker, and we may have some miracle results for women who are subject to ovarian cancer. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2556, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95-18 and S.B. No. 2244, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2244, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103-18 and H.B. No. 2075, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2075, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104-18 and H.B. No. 2587, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2587, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Tupola and Ward voting no voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108-18 and H.B. No. 2607, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2607, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I stand in strong support. This bill contributes to Hawaii's educational system in three incredibly positive ways. It creates a statewide computer science program, it'll help create a competitive workforce in Hawaii, and it'll also help to provide equity in the field of computer science, which is mainly dominated by men. I'm extremely excited that we passed this bill this year, I've been working with a lot of advocates in computer science, and I'd like to also insert written comments into the Journal. Thank you."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in strong support.

"This bill contributes to Hawaii's educational system in three incredibly positive ways. A state-wide computer science program will foster the creation of a competitive workforce in Hawaii, will encourage Hawaii's public school students to enter into the field of computer science, and will provide the platform for equity in education.

"Computer science drives job creation and innovation throughout our nation's economy, and providing students with access to computer science education is a critical step for ensuring that Hawaii remains competitive in the global economy.

"Computing occupations comprise up to two-thirds of all projected new jobs in STEM fields, making computer science one of the most in-demand college degrees offering higher paying entry-level jobs than other degrees.

"This is especially important to note, as in the State of Hawaii, the ability to enter into a field with higher-paying salaries is essential, due to our high cost of living. By instituting a state-wide computer science program, we are leveling the field for students of lower socioeconomic status, or students living in rural areas, who are unable to attend computer science courses if they are not offered in school. By creating equity in education, we are creating equity in future employment opportunities.

"This bill will also encourage our students to pursue computer science and increases potential interest in the field. Currently, there are fewer advanced placement examinations taken in computer science than in any other STEM subject area, showing a lack of interest in or availability of adequate computer science courses.

"National studies of K-12 computer science education indicate that many students may not perceive advanced computer science as relevant to their education in part because computer science is not treated as a core academic subject under existing policy.

"By encouraging Hawaii's students, especially women and Title I students, to enter into the field of computer science, we can stimulate greater interest in STEM fields, which will not only benefit our students as individuals, but will also benefit their families, communities, and Hawaii's economy as a whole.

"Additionally, basic technological skills are increasingly necessary in day-to-day life regardless of a student's ultimate career choice. Information technology skills are needed at all levels of training and education, and across all sectors of Hawaii's economy.

"Providing students with a basic understanding of computer science is likely to contribute positively to the well-being of students, their families, and their communities.

"Hawaii must do more to encourage the study of computer science. Additional steps must be taken to improve and expand access to computer science education, particularly in advanced courses that could prepare students for careers in the field. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2607, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111-18 and H.B. No. 2697, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2697, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I stand in strong support, and I would just like to acknowledge the hard work of the Chair of this committee. He's attacked his responsibilities with a gusto that I have not seen since I've been here. Perhaps that's because, and this is not a negative, but he didn't serve. So he wanted to show all those that did serve that he really does care. And I witnessed him basically save the

fleet reserve, along with my colleague from Kalihi, from going under, and helping in a myriad of other ways. In fact, when he first became Chairman, he came to me and said that if there's any help that veterans need, please let them know I'm available and I want to do the work. So, I give him a shout out, and a kudos, and this is good work here, and I thank him for his hard work. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support. I'd like to adopt the words of the previous speaker and I'd also like to congratulate the Chair on his good work on this bill. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support, same request that the Marine Captain from Ewa Beach be as if they were my remarks into the Journal. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. First, thank you for the very kind remarks from my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, just a few brief words about this. I strongly support this bill, relating to veterans, because it will facilitate the first State of Hawaii Veterans Summit. Veterans issues are so important because they intersect with so many other issues, homelessness, immigration, higher education, and women's issues. This summit will allow stakeholders and advocates from all across the islands to come together and find solutions to help the men and women who have literally devoted their lives to serving and protecting the citizens of our country. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Having both Schofield and Wheeler Air Force Base in my district, this is an extremely important bill. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2697, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115-18 and H.B. No. 2010, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2010, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Say and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116-18 and H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, and I just want to say that I believe the intention of the funding in this bill was to hire additional lifeguards at the beaches that most need them so we can save lives there. And I have some concern that the division is intending to use this to make up for some of their shortfall and not for hiring new lifeguards, so I just wanted to make that clear, that as my understanding, that was the intent. And request to insert written comments."

Representative Lowen's written remarks are as follows:

"There has been ongoing discussion for many years about the need for a lifeguard at the Kua Bay section of Kekaha Kai State Park on Hawaii Island.

Lives have been lost that might have been saved, and injuries sustained that might have been prevented had a lifeguard been present. It is my view that access to this dangerous beach should never have been improved in the first place without ensuring that a lifeguard position would be funded. This year I also passed HCR 34 to urge State Parks Division to consider, among other things, whether access should be improved to previously difficult to access beaches if the lifeguard positions needed to ensure safety are not concurrently funded or assured of future funding.

"The funding in this bill was put in place to cover this need and to provide for new lifeguard positions where they are most needed. The Division of State Parks has repeatedly expressed that Kua Bay is at the top of this priority list.

"I have confirmed verbally with the Chair of the House Committee on Water & Land, the Chair of the House Finance Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Land that their understanding was also that this funding would cover the need for new lifeguard positions. Recent conversations with the division have led me to be concerned that they may not intend to use these funds in line with legislative intent, but to make up for other budget shortfalls. Therefore, I am submitting these written remarks to clarify the legislative intent of HB 2097. It is my hope that the Division of State Parks will use these funds as intended."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIFEGUARDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 12:38 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2215, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2719, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2699, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 1208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2556, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2244, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2075, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2587, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2607, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2697, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2010, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117-18 and H.B. No. 2464, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2464, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Thank you. I definitely want to commend the introducer as well as many people who have been working on this issue in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We know that the list has gone up to at most 22,000, maybe more. There are people who actually get on the list and then never receive housing before they pass away because the issue is so bad.

"And so this is actually suggesting for us to do a study to determine whether or not people are utilizing the list correctly. I think it would be very unacceptable for people to be waiting years for a lease, and other people have been given multiple leases and possibly even sublease the land to people who are not on the list. And we know that this is happening, but it's a way for us to address it in a study to determine if these leases are actually going to the people who are waiting in the order that they waited in.

"Prince Kuhio was the founder and the starter of the Hawaiian Homes Act. And the whole intent behind the Hawaiian Homes Act was not just to

provide housing, but to focus on the wellness of all Hawaiians, meaning the housing, the infrastructure, the land to farm, the wherewith that they could actually sustain themselves. And I'm hopeful that this bill is a step in the right direction for many people who are on the list. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support, brief comment and request to insert comments in the Journal. As my colleague indicated, the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1921 was made for sterner stuff, I guess, as Shakespeare would say. After 100 years, there's been 9,700 homesteads, 44,000 on the waitlist, and 203,000 acres which largely remains undeveloped. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, any way we can boost, prod, fund and develop Hawaiian homes for what otherwise was a hundred-year-old promise, we certainly must do. This is a, kind of a baby step, but it's a step in the right direction. And Mr. Speaker, may I enter further comments into the Journal? Thank you."

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support. I believe that this study will help to bring light on those who may be taking advantage of the Hawaiian homes program and contributing to the infamously long wait list. I want to thank the introducer for bringing light to this issue and hope that the fruit of this bill will be more housing for the Native Hawaiian people. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2464, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118-18 and H.B. No. 2259, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2259, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE EVENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123-18 and S.B. No. 2646, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2646, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of Senate Bill 2646, Conference Draft 1.

"Senate Bill 2646, CD 1 is another of several measures considered by this legislature to address the problems of opioid addiction that are sweeping the country. This measure aims to reduce the public's access to all Schedule II, III or IV controlled substances. Prescribers of controlled substances are currently required to register with the Department of Public Safety's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ('PDMP'), but effective use of the PDMP has not been realized because prescribers have not been required to consult the system before prescribing controlled substances.

"This measure closes that loophole and requires prescribers to consult Hawaii's PDMP before prescribing controlled substances. Reasonable but limited exceptions to this consultation requirement exist for any prescription for a supply of three days or less that is made in an emergency situation, by an emergency medical provider or in an emergency room and when the State's electronic PDMP system is nonfunctional.

"Because the effectiveness of PDMP systems are still under study, this measure imposes a five-year sunset clause that will allow time for adjustments to be made as needed to improve the systems around the prescribing of opioids to limit the availability of opioids to the public for overuse and abuse."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2646, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128-18 and H.B. No. 1614, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1614, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition with written comments and a brief note. Mr. Speaker, the American family has been pummeled almost to the point where it doesn't exist, or the strength of it has been so weakened. This one that creates the polarity between if there's a divorce rather than being no-fault, it becomes a polemic, because it puts a restraining order as an automatic duel between what otherwise was loving couples in the beginning. I don't think this is in the right direction, but it continues to degrade the family, and we've almost lost it already. Thank you."

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. The American family has been weakened over the past decade and adding another polemic between couples of having an automatic restraining order upon divorce is reprehensible.

"Amending Chapter 580 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to prohibit the removal of a child from their current school or island of residence will make it more difficult for those in abusive relationships to escape their former partners. I would like to adopt the testimony of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women dated April 4th, 2018 as if it were my own.

"Mr. Speaker, if this group is against this bill, how can it be good for women? *Mahalo*."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 1614, Conference Draft 1.

"At the onset of divorce, separation, or annulment proceedings, House Bill 1614, CD 1 seeks to freeze the status quo of financial accounts, property, credit cards, and insurance policies of the parties, and the residential and school settings for any minor children. The intent of this initial automatic restraining order is to preserve some stability during a time of emotional upheaval and to ensure that financial assets are not wasted to the detriment of either party.

"Through the hearing process on this measure, lawmakers learned that this practice has been used in some judicial circuits but not others. This measure seeks to bring uniformity and consistency across the courts and provide a tool to the judicial system that makes clear that the parties cannot and should not waste financial assets and seek to harm the other party through financial means.

"Although some advocates do not support this measure as it may disadvantage the party with lesser power in an already broken and dysfunctional relationship, because this measure still affords judges in the case the discretion to alter orders as the cases proceed, this measure on balance should allow better resolution of these difficult cases."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. The idea behind the bill, contrary to insinuations by others, is to actually preserve the family unit at the time when it's at most stress, which is at a time of the filing of the divorce. It intends to preserve status quo, thus preventing the kind of game playing used by unscrupulous

people who want to take advantage of usually the lower earner spouse. And as such, it is a bill that's timely and should have been passed a long time ago. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations. I think that I understand, because I've actually followed this story with the introducer for a while and I know her passion for trying to handle this. I think two of the concerns which it's possible that she could possibly address or maybe just help us to understand is one, the ability for somebody to actually leave, meaning be able to flee from the situation that they're in. And currently, as it's written, that's one of the concerns that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women had, as well is the ability for somebody to be able to say, yes, I'm in this situation, I need to take my children, I need to go. Because it makes it harder for people to leave, because of the fact that they would have to come back and face their abuser in court to handle the TRO. And so that's one of the things.

"The other part is the part that's stated in regards to if domestic violence has occurred, not has occurred to the person or to the victim, that one sentence which needed some clarification was something else that we were hung up on when we analyzed through the bill. So I definitely know that it's a step where we're trying to protect families and help individuals. Those two instances that actually have to do with interpretation of the law, the clarification in the bill is what our concerns are about. Thank you."

Representative San Buenaventura rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the second time that I've tried to address this same bill that has worked very well on the island of Kauai, has worked well in Hilo until the retirement of a judge. And basically, the TROs, whenever domestic violence is an issue, is already taken care of. In fact, we actually have a carve out on this bill.

"This addresses financial abuse. It's the kind of thing that is so common in middle class families that we are not addressing. We are addressing physical abuse very well in other cases, but we are not addressing financial abuse, which is just as bad, and which basically impoverishes low-earner spouses, which are usually women. This prevents, usually men, the higher earner spouse, where all of the bills are under his name, from preventing him from cutting off medical insurance, leaving uninsured children and leaving uninsured spouses who did not know that the divorce was coming until somebody, who with money, who was able to hire a lawyer early enough, is planning for it. This prevents game-playing. This helps women. Thank you very much."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, second time in opposition. And I commend my colleague for stating very well what's in the bill and what is positive about it. But if all of that is true, why on page 4, line 4, sub 5, says, 'Neither party shall remove a minor child of the parties from the island of that child's current residence nor remove a minor child of the parties from the school that child is currently attending.'

"If it's all about just the finances, fine, but so why stick this in where the kids get to be fought over, especially as my colleague said, if one decides to flee because of difficulties. So why do we have it where no child can be removed? If it's all about financial, why is it in here? Thank you."

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

"In support. Mr. Speaker, may I adopt the passionate words of our Representative from Puna as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, second time. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support because I think women who are going through

divorces, who understand the financial abuse that they are exposed to, understand greatly and deeply the risk at which their children are put.

"So, yes, this is about financial abuse, but this is about keeping the child in a place that is a steady place, and to ensure that the status quo is maintained, as everything else is falling apart around the family. So in strong support for this measure. It's about time that we do this. This is a priority of the Women's Legislative Caucus, and it's something that we've been pushing for for a long time, and in response to the criticism that we are not doing enough on the issue of domestic violence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd just like to clarify some previous comments, also. This bill does not further the breakup of the family. The breakup of the family takes place during a divorce. This is an attempt, a well-meaning attempt, to make sure that what's left of the family after that terrible incident takes place, because it does take place. That's the reality of our society, divorces happen. But the intent of this measure is that after that does take place, that both parties are able to move forward equitably and that children in the family, and the rest of the family that's impacted by this terrible situation, are protected to the extent that we are able to.

"We're never going to get it right, because this is a terrible scenario that we have to recognize takes place in our society. This bill doesn't cause the further breakup of the family. The family is broken up during the divorce, which happens immediately preceding the scenarios that are accounted for in this piece of legislation. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1614, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC RESTRAINING ORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Tupola voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives McDermott and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129-18 and S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Choy's written remarks are as follows:

"In opposition to S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1.

"First, this bill represents the abandonment of our duty to our children. That duty is to provide public education.

"Second, there are many bills this year that delegate the obligation of education to others. The first policy call the Legislature made was to put to the vote the funding of public education in a constitutional amendment.

"Third, Mr. Speaker, we do not live in a democracy, we live in a republic. The people need to elect people who will fund public education adequately, not punt it back to the voters.

"Fourth, SB 2237 is worse than our constitutional amendment bill. This bill allows private entities to lease or use our public school land to fund the needs of our schools. Some see this as a novel way to get moneys to fund our educational system. I see this as a dereliction of duty to our children.

"Fifth, the potential abuse of giving away the property rights to fund our obligation to our children is great and we should never let this happen.

"Sixth, specifically as to inclusion of Manoa Elementary School, Hokuani Elementary school, and Noelani Elementary School, none of these school grounds are conducive to any type of commercial development.

"Seventh, giving the discretion to utilize school land in this manner to the Board of Education is ludicrous.

"For these reasons, I object to this bill."

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Tokioka voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy, Kong and Say voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131-18 and S.B. No. 2909, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2909, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tupola rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. We saw this bill prior to it becoming a study and had robust discussion about what we thought about law enforcement, where it should go, should we consolidate it. And so this is requiring LRB to conduct a study with no appropriation and finish it by 2019. And the purpose of the study is to basically figure out if we should have a state law enforcement division in the Attorney General's Office which would contain the powers, functions, duties, and related personnel and properties of DLNR, DOT, public safety, and public safety's law enforcement staff, including sheriff's office and judiciary security personnel.

"The Attorney General's Office testified that they'd remain opposed to overseeing the consolidation of the law enforcement, and as well DLNR, DOT and public safety all opposed it for the consolidation and the differentiation of what they do, and the different tasks that they have to carry out. So, again, we've talked about this that it's not a good idea, but then we're going to put it into a study that has no appropriation, and so my opposition is the fact that we don't need to study something that everyone, especially agencies that are going to have to have that consolidation, are opposed to. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I would just note that not everyone feels the same way, in fact this study is being done precisely because individual workers who are at these agencies, who sometimes feel like they're treated like red-headed stepchildren or a misfit for the overall agency because the nature and the scope of what they do is very different from the rest of the agency's mission, which is why I think a study is wholly appropriate and necessary. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2909, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Tupola voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135-18 and H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138-18 and S.B. No. 2384, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2384, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139-18 and S.B. No. 2382, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2382, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. I definitely think that setting the vacancies of buildings is super important. I think I've brought up on this floor previously that the partnership with one charter school and a public school in the Honolulu area that's been working very well, and it's helped the school that is actually under enrollment and helped a school that has no buildings. So the partnership is what we needed.

"We definitely need more partnerships for the charter schools, seeing as though right now the per-pupil allocation for public school students is \$12,000 and for charter public school students is \$7,000. Much of their per-pupil allocation has to be used towards CIP funds and as well for costs that, in regards to buildings and cafeterias and things that other public school monies don't have to be used for because of that, and so I think it's very good for us to start to look at the use of these areas so that we don't have to continually have charter schools that are without places that they can actually meet, and without facilities. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2382, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140-18 and S.B. No. 2351, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2351, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I'd like to start by commending the Women's Caucus for a real banner year in working towards equality for women in the Aloha State. This bill affects everyone, as well though, because for years employers have had the power to fire employees just for discussing wages. And I'm really glad to see that that is now going to be outlawed in this bill. No longer can you be fired for discussing how much you make.

"This is one of the mechanisms that bosses use to control the labor force and keep everything and everyone in the dark about pay, and equal pay, and the lack thereof. This measure, Mr. Speaker, protects workers by allowing them to shed light on wage inequalities and discriminatory practices whether it's based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or just because they can. So, it's a great bill. Thanks."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support. This is a bill that many of the women in the Women's Caucus have been working hard on for a long time. And just permission to insert additional written comments. Thank you."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I rise in strong support.

"It is a frequently-quoted statistic that today, women working full-time earn 79 cents for every dollar that a man working full-time makes.

"Although true that the gender wage gap varies across industries and races, it is undeniable that this gap still exists, and will continue to persist without further action.

"The passage of this Women's Caucus bill will decrease wage disparity by eliminating pay secrecy and decreasing circumstances that encourage compensation based on salary history.

"First, allowing and encouraging employee discussion on wages will shine a light on existing wage discrimination practices and increase worker awareness of their rights.

"Women cannot challenge wage discrimination if they do not know it exists.

"Secondly, basing current compensation on past salary fosters existing salary inequality. Studies show that prior salary is not a necessity for an employer to determine a worker's salary: Market-based approaches are equally effective.

"In turn, a decrease in salary history-based compensation will also decrease employee turnover.

"Testimony consistently reflects that employees receiving competitive salaries and equal treatment are satisfied by the fair treatment and are more likely to remain with their employer.

"Again, as more and more women today become the sole or primary breadwinners of their families, it is more important now than ever to close the gender wage gap. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Representative Fukumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, earlier this session, I said eliminating the wage gap was the number one issue for millennial women. I'm proud that after decades of inaction, the Legislature is moving forward with a bill to end wage secrecy and prevent salary discrimination.

"As the initial drafter of this bill, and the introducer of the House version, I couldn't be prouder of the work we have accomplished today by establishing in statute our commitment to ensure that salaries reflect skill and responsibility levels, not a person's gender.

"That said, I also still believe that preventing the House version to be vetted by the community and my fellow legislators through a complete legislative process and then reconciling the Senate and House bill in conference committee undermined the integrity and importance of enacting such a groundbreaking initiative. We are setting an example for the entire nation on this issue, and it deserved the full extent of discussion possible.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 2351, Conference Draft 1.

"This measure seeks to: (1) disrupt the cycle of wage inequality for women and minorities by prohibiting prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's prior wage or salary history in the job application process; and (2) encourage equal pay between men and women by prohibiting enforced wage secrecy and prohibiting retaliation and discrimination against employees who disclose, discuss, or inquire about their own or coworkers' wages for the purpose of exercising their rights under the law.

"Salaries speak louder than words. Despite greater access to education, advances made in the workplace, and existing laws and policies that seek to eliminate gender discrimination in the workforce, the disparity in pay between women and men persists. The National Partnership for Women and

Family estimates that the pay gap takes \$2.5 billion out of the pockets of women statewide, over \$7,500 per woman per year.

"This wage gap is even more pronounced for women of marginalized identities with the most extreme disparities existing for Native Hawaiian and immigrant women in our state. Where women in Hawaii earn an average of 84 cents to every dollar a man earns, Native Hawaiian women earn 70 cents for every dollar a man earns.

"To systematically address this inequity, laws have to complement and support better workplace policies and practices such as prohibiting salary history inquiries in the job application phase of employment and enforced wage secrecy and retaliation when individuals are exercising their rights to ensure wage discrimination is not occurring in the workplace.

"With Senate Bill 2351, CD 1, Hawaii joins 18 other states that have laws protecting against discrimination or retaliation for discussing wages, and eight other states and cities that have banned salary history requests since 2016. In its tradition of leading on women's rights, Hawaii continues to be at the forefront of change that is helping women attain economic equity. For all of these reasons, I support Senate Bill 2351, CD 1."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support, and I would hope political parties would be included in the future. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2351, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL PAY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142-18 and S.B. No. 2693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. As I've stated previously, one of the things that our state needs to improve on is our sister-state relationships with other Polynesian nations. And I feel like this is going to be a step in a positive direction, because it'll help us to start those conversations, interact, and maybe even develop a better relationship and bring some of that commerce over here to Hawaii.

"I'm excited to see the people who are on the board, I'm excited to see the people who are involved, and of course commend the Senator from Maui for his lead on this. But I think it's time that we start to integrate some of what we do, even in regards to tourism and economic development for our state, and start to build those relationships with other Polynesian nations that could possibly help and strengthen our position here in the Pacific. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I just wanted to say very few brief words. The Festival of Pacific Arts, it will celebrate all of the rich culture and heritage the multiple nations across the Pacific. In 2020, Mr. Speaker, this festival will be held in Hawaii for the very first time, and I trust that the temporary commission on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts will hold a delightful celebration of Polynesian, Melanesian, Micronesian and Aboriginal cultures all throughout Oceania. And I also would like to commend the Senate Majority Leader on his work on this. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-18 and S.B. No. 2514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Choy, Har, Tupola and Ward voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144-18 and S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Cachola's written remarks are as follows:

"S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 relates to environment; water pollution; sunscreen; oxybenzone; octinoxate; sale; distribution; prohibition. Beginning January 1, 2021, bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution in the State of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both, without a prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider to preserve marine ecosystems.

"The most damaging report formulated by the Hawaii Medical Association are public health concerns about deadly skin cancer.

"Given the lack of peer reviewed evidence suggesting that sunscreen is a cause of coral bleaching and the overwhelming evidence that not wearing sunscreen increases rates of deadly cancer, the HMA would like to propose that this issue be studied more deeply before passing a policy that would severely limit the availability of sunscreens that people are likely to wear on a daily basis.'

"We should look at the lasting impact exposure to these pollutants would do to affect public health, coral reef damage, climate change, and other issues.

"It should be noted that the primary stressors of coral reefs in Hawaii are related to land-based source pollution, over-fishing, invasive species, and climate change. Continued monitoring on these stressors will have the largest impact on coral reef resilience and recovery.'

"Furthermore, the provision the bill states with regards to allowing purchase of sunscreen with a prescription would defeat the statements S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1.

"For these reasons, I am voting in support with serious reservations."

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

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Strong support for what has been known this session as the 'Oxybenzone Bill.' I want to begin by thanking Dr. Craig Downs of the Haereticus Environmental Laboratory for his groundbreaking research on the effects of oxybenzone on marine life. I would also like to thank Lisa Bishop of the Friends of Hanauma Bay for her tireless advocacy to ban the sale of these toxic chemicals.

"Last year, Dr. Downs, the Senator from Ewa, and I gathered water samples throughout different parts of Hanauma Bay. Dr. Downs's experiment concluded that the average amount of oxybenzone found in Hanauma Bay was 4,661 ng/L, with different parts of the bay ranging from 30 ng/L to 27,888 ng/L. The amount that is toxic to coral reef is 62 ng/L.

"Dr. Downs's research has also led to a public advocacy campaign by the private sector. Just last month, Hawaiian Airlines gave samples to incoming visitors and showed an 11-minute documentary warning of the effects of this

oxybenzone on our reefs and marine life. Further, the Aqua-Aston hotels have given out more than 40,000 samples of reef-safe sunscreen at its 40 properties throughout the state.

"Mr. Speaker, this is truly historic legislation. As the first state in the nation to ban oxybenzone sunscreens, it is our hope that other states and nations will do the same to preserve their marine life for generations to come. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Cachola voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Choy, Har, Kong and McDermott voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145-18 and S.B. No. 2990, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2990, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, brief comments. I think when we had this conversation, we had a very robust conversation about how it would affect businesses, and one of the things that the LRB said that they wouldn't be able to do is the actuarial analysis. It's something that's going to be really important moving forward, and I commend the Labor Chair for all his work on doing this. And I think maybe working with the Chambers of Commerce would be in line to helping us determine how this would possibly affect businesses now so that we can actually help when it does come down the pipeline and understand the actual fiscal impact that it'll have so that we can give businesses that reassurance that they've been taken into consideration. Thank you."

Representative Say rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 2990, Conference Draft 1.

"Many in our community will criticize this legislation as failing in establishing paid family leave benefits for workers in our state. However, to advance good policy and design a program that will enable all employees to access leave benefits while addressing concerns about sustainability and business productivity requires not just a study but a sunrise analysis, as required by this bill, that looks specifically at Hawaii data and plugs this data into the various models for paid family leave that have been adopted by other states. While some will point to studies that have been done, none have fully briefed and analyzed the impact of any paid family leave program in conjunction with Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care benefits that are found in no other state in our nation. This measure represents a significant step in laying the groundwork for the establishment of a paid family leave framework that fits into Hawaii's system of laws and already existing employee benefits and worker protections.

"Because a benefit such as paid family leave can have such broad impacts on our community, I support the approach being taken in SB 2990, CD 1 to carefully analyze the impacts of different paid family leave models using Hawaii data to craft a program that will work for Hawaii's people."

Representative DeCoite rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative DeCoite's written remarks are as follows:

"I have reservations on this bill because I have heard from many in my district who may be negatively affected by enactment of a paid family leave bill. This bill has evolved during this session, and conference draft 1 now requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a sunrise analysis of the impacts and best framework for a paid family leave program. I recognize the need that employees have in taking care of their families, so I hope that any program we end up with will be one that we can all live with and afford. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First of all, I'd like to applaud the efforts of the Labor Chair in both our House and in the Senate. But I'd like to see us do a lot more on this, and I just wanted to say a few words about that. The bill provides for yet another study on paid leave, but I believe that all the necessary research has already been conducted, Mr. Speaker. The US Department of Labor has a full analysis on paid family leave in Hawaii.

"So, again, while I applaud the efforts, I'm a little disappointed, we could do more this year to provide for the desperately needed relief for working families struggling to take care of their families while they work 40 to 80 hours per week just to make ends meet. It is our job as legislators to help protect them and make the tough decisions, not to wait until everybody can agree on at least that option. And I'm hoping next year we can do more, and I'll be sure to make myself available to try to help as much as I can to that end. Thank you."

Representative Tupola rose, stating:

"Please register a reservations. Thank you."

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

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Reservations. While the original bill has morphed into a sunrise analysis (normally done by the state auditor) by LRB, I still have reservations as we move forward. First and foremost, sunrise analyses usually lead to action. By the time the analysis is complete next year, it is all but guaranteed that this program will be taken up by the 30th Legislature.

"As technology has advanced, the need for retail and service jobs has begun to decrease. A most recent example is the new, cashier-less Amazon Go grocery store in Seattle. While this technology is still in its infancy, businesses may be more inclined to invest in automation or cut their number of employees in order to pay for this new benefit. Artificial intelligence will soon become commonplace in our everyday lives.

"I appreciate the committee chairs taking a step back to measure the impacts of such a program. Whatever the result of the analysis may be, I hope that we will proceed in a way that will not hurt our small business community. Further, micro-businesses with less than three employees should be exempt from any future program implemented. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2990, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representatives DeCoite, Har, Say, Tokioka, Tupola and Ward voting aye with reservations.

At 1:03 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2464, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2259, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2646, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1614, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2237, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2909, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2384, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2382, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2351, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2571, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2990, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146-18 and H.B. No. 2538, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2538, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Thielen rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising to cast a no vote against House Bill 2538, relating to agriculture, and do a few comments. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, what this measure does is issues millions of dollars worth in general obligation bonds, and it's for a livestock feed mill using waste materials to be expended by, here we go again, the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the ADC. And because of my skepticism about the unaudited ADC, the entity that does not file annual reports to the Legislature, I don't like to see granting more money to them. So it's a no vote. Although I do like the concept of a livestock feed mill, I don't like the ADC being involved with it. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support of House Bill 2538. This is actually an appropriation that was made in 2015, so we already voted for it. Okay, thank you."

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

"With reservations. I definitely think we really need a feed mill. We do have, actually, egg farmers in my district that this is one of their number one concerns, is that 100% of our animal feed has to be shipped in from the mainland. And so that portion, yes. And I realize that this is something that happened in the past that we're voting on now, but those are my reservations, previously as what my colleague from Kailua stated. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2538, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Tupola voting aye with reservations, with Representatives McDermott and Thielen voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147-18 and H.B. No. 1932, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1932, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RULES BY AGENCIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Tupola voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149-18 and H.B. No. 1778, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1778, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-18 and H.B. No. 1401, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1401, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Mr. Speaker, in 2016, 56% of the voters on Kauai voted early or used an absentee ballot in the general election. Only 44% voted at the polls on election day. Further, 85% of the voters on Kauai who requested an absentee ballot voted in the general election.

"Mr. Speaker, the majority of voters on Kauai want the convenience that our current absentee mail-in ballot system offers. Residents like the convenience of voting early, having additional time to assess the candidates on the issues, and not feeling rushed to make a decision in the voting booth. The Kauai Office of Elections believes there will be reduced personnel over time and ballot production expenses with mail-in voting. Further, finding election officials for polling places, counting center, delivery and collection, and control center is getting more difficult as longtime community members are aging and declining to serve.

"Mr. Speaker, the Kauai Office of Elections welcomes the opportunity to be the pilot program for the State in the 2020 elections. I believe there is strong and capable leadership in place at the Office of Elections to carry out this pilot program, and that leadership will provide a thorough program evaluation to this body. I would like to thank the Judiciary Chair from Kapahulu for crafting this bill and for making it easier for Kauai voters to exercise their civic duty."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, strong support, and I'd like to use the words of the previous speaker as if they were my own, and also note that Niihau has always, since I got elected, was all mail-in vote. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support. I also would like to thank the Judiciary Chair in resurrecting this at conference, and I'd like to also point out that when Puna had their disaster in 2014, we really wanted mail-in voting, and I'm really glad it's finally starting, and it's going to help out Kauai a lot. Thank you."

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

"Thanks, Mr. Speaker. In support. I remember Oregon had one of the worst voter turnouts in the nation, and they went to an all mail-in ballot election system, and that greatly improved their numbers. I'm hopeful that not only Kauai, but someday our entire state will be mail-in ballot. I think this effective. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support, and I'd like to ask that the words from the Representative from North Kauai be inserted into the Journal as if they were my own. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the JUD Chair for moving this bill, it's long overdue, when we did the permanent mail-in ballots that increased voter registration and participation on Kauai, and I'm certain that this particular bill will continue to increase the percentage of voting on Kauai. And I want to thank the Office of Elections on Kauai for being steadfast in lobbying for this bill, and everyone here for voting on it.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you. In support, Mr. Speaker. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the Senate Judiciary Chair for his hard work on this bill. He is watching right now, and I think he's feeling a little left out."

Representative Tokioka rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. In support again. I was going to talk about the Judicial Chair from the Senate, but I didn't want to leave my good friend out from Kaimuki, because he likes the proper due that he's getting right now, and you deserve it, Representative."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1401, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154-18 and S.B. No. 3095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. In support with slight reservations. Mr. Speaker, Senate Bill 3095, SD 1, HD 1 was a good bill that protected our *keiki* and community, but the CD version does not. I'm a farmer and I'm a highly trained pesticide applicator. While I do not use pesticides on my farm, we do have the land in my capacity to rotate my crops when many other small farmers do not, and they are the ones that need pesticides and will suffer the most. They cannot afford to buy more land and/or afford to rent those lands. Pests stay around such fields as those of the small farmers because they constantly have food to feed on. These additional rules and regulations will force them to move away from Hawaii or go out of business.

"Farmers farm because they are passionate about what they do and how they do it. While they are faced with the obstacles of weather conditions, flooding, drought, theft and pests, they persevere. Farmers have been unfairly targeted by the CD 1.

"Federal and state laws already strictly regulate those farmers who use those pesticides. The pesticides regulated by this bill are mostly used by the regular people, the public, you and me, not farmers. The local farms targeted in this bill are the ones that supply most of our local food. Unwarranted and new regulations will hurt those local farmers. Can we afford to lose more farmers, or unjustified new regulations?

"Mr. Speaker, we want this bill to protect our families and our communities. The CD 1 should have kept the ban encompassing structural and all other users of pesticides. The education component in this measure is not in line with the intent of the bill. Also, who has the authority to set the rules, state or federal? We continue to make rules and laws I have yet to see us enforce.

"Structural use pesticides have been in the news recently for breaking rules and regulations. So why would we give the exemption from the regulations in this bill? Access to RUPs comes with the responsibility to use great care in protecting our public health. This exemption only further proves where we plan to go with our local farmers. That's why you wash and clean everything when you return back to your home after being treated. Just like what we do with rat lungworm outbreak, we're told to wash our vegetables before you eat it. Don't be so *lepo* about it.

"Mr. Speaker, we've also allowed in the bill that the DOA shall grant any person, upon request, a temporary permit allowing the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos. This is not in line with the intent of this bill, which is to protect our *keiki* and our communities. With the recent natural disaster on Kauai and our fellow neighbors in Waimanalo, pesticides will be used even more because of settlement of water. Dead carcasses, rotting, and feces will trigger an epidemic of diseases, and will continue with borne illnesses. So we grant a temporary permit allowing the use pesticides? It doesn't matter what kind of pesticide. The public should know, even more so, but this bill does not allow for the disclosing.

"People need to be educated, and if you use any pesticide, you should have to take at least a minimal class, and get some kind of training, and if you do not follow the label instructions, you should not be allowed to use these pesticides. Three thousand dollars for pesticide drift monitoring and outreach will not be enough. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I have those comments. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. With reservations, and though I may not be a farmer, I do agree with the words of the Representative from Molokai. Thank you, sir."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. This measure is a first but significant step toward addressing the myriad concerns raised by communities around the state with respect to pesticide use, and at times, the unintended consequences which befall some people in our community. It is a long time in the making. We have debated these measures for years here in this House and in this legislature, and as we all know, any bill which passes, any good piece of legislation, is the product of compromise, and this is no different.

"This bill has been put together, and I really want to thank the chairs of the respective committees who've worked on this both in the House and in the Senate, as well as all the members who had come together, because what this does is provide data. When we talk about these issues before us, we can draw no conclusions one way or the other without meaningful data. This bill makes basic disclosure of data a requirement going forward, it creates basic buffer zones around schools when they are in session, when kids are present, to protect them from the kinds of unintended consequences that we have heard about. And most of all, it prohibits the use of one of the most dangerous chemicals that we have ever seen anywhere in widespread use. It's a chemical which has already been prohibited for use by the EU and other countries, it is responsible for thousands of deaths around the world every year, and it is responsible for sending dozens of workers, right here in Hawaii, to the hospital.

"This is, Mr. Speaker, an important step forward. It is not going to be the end of the discussion, but it is something which, as a responsible body, I believe we are taking the right action in moving forward.

"More than anything, in addition to thanking everyone who's worked on this measure here in this body as well as the Senate, I really want to thank those folks in the community who have time and again stepped up to the plate to make their voices heard in community organizations like the Center for Food Safety and their leader Ashley Lukens who have rallied communities and rallied people to make their voices heard and show up throughout this process. And so many others who've taken the time to come down here, to take part in the political process, which has resulted in what we have today. Because ultimately, Mr. Speaker, more than anything, what this bill demonstrates is that people getting involved can make a difference. Thank you very much."

Representative Say rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ito rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of Representative DeCoite be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. First, I'd like to request permission to enter comments into the Journal, and then I have a few additional comments. First, I'd like to thank the introducer, the committee chairs, and the members, and especially the community advocates who came out to discuss, debate and testify on this bill.

"For years now, I've watched, many of you watched the communities on each island rise up in strong support of regulating chemicals that get sprayed near schools and waterways, and each time it seems they got pushed back, either in the courts or through some other process, and people have been crying out for the State to take action, and this bill is a step in that direction.

"As a matter of scientific bookkeeping, mandatory disclosure is vitally important to analyze statistical trends and develop a foundation for future research. If it turns out that there is no correlation, great. But for now, I believe that the scientific evidence shows otherwise. But for now, also, the users of restricted use pesticides should at a minimum be required to disclose where, when and how much of these highly toxic chemicals they're using, many of which are completely banned in other countries, as mentioned previously. The only downside I see in this bill is that the disclosure goes into a 'black box' at the Department of Agriculture, and that the public does not get to see that information, but at least it's being recorded somewhere for the sake of recordkeeping.

"Lastly, this is a groundbreaking measure that bans use of chlorpyrifos, a pesticide sprayed aerially in Hawaii for quite some time. It is a known in peer-reviewed journals that chronic exposure to the chemical may result in long-term toxicity spread across several organs. It's an endocrine disruptor, and major studies have found strong evidence to suggest that even at very low doses, Mr. Speaker, the chemical triggers effects among children ranging from lower IQ, to higher rates of autism. This pesticide with its potent effect on our *keiki* and our *'āina* is not something we can let go unchecked. I stand proud to be a member of the nation's first legislature to ban this dangerous pesticide and to vote yes on this historic legislation. Thank you."

Representative LoPresti's written remarks are as follows:

"Schools have been evacuated due to pesticide drift from neighboring crop fields that share fences with the school. Doctors have come to us as policymakers and said, 'it is difficult to treat a child who has been experiencing acute distress from pesticide exposure if we do not know which chemicals they have been exposed to.' We cannot rely on the optional reporting through the so-called 'Good Neighbor Program' to accurately understand the scope and magnitude of restricted use pesticides in Hawaii. This bill states that no application of a restricted use pesticide shall take place on or within 100 feet of a school property during normal school hours. This is the very least we can do to protect our growing *keiki* while they learn."

Representative Har rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of Representative DeCoite be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of Senate Bill 3095, Conference Draft 1.

"As stated previously in remarks on Senate Bill 3095, crafting good laws and policies is a balancing act. Discussing issues with stakeholders, especially complicated issues, is necessary to find that balance. This bill is proof of the importance of discussion.

"Usage Reporting: The previous House draft of Senate Bill 3095 required only commercial agricultural users of restricted use pesticides – or RUPs – to report their usage to the Department of Agriculture. To acquire better, more comprehensive information, this conference draft requires all users,

not just commercial agricultural entities, to inform the department about the type, the location, and the times when RUPs are used.

"Prohibiting Pesticide Use around Schools with Reasonable Exceptions: Senate Bill 3095, CD 1 retains the prohibition on RUP use within 100 feet of school during normal school hours. However, it makes the important clarification that this restriction or buffer zone does not apply to whole-structure fumigation which is necessary for treating termites in residences located near schools.

"Pesticide Drift Monitoring Study: Senate Bill 3095, CD 1 also directs the department to conduct a study of pesticide drift at three different Hawaii schools, requires a report on its findings prior to the 2020 Legislative Session, and appropriates \$300,000 to fund the necessary work so that policymakers and the community are better equipped with good information to understand the scope and impact of pesticides in school environments.

"Reasonable Exemptions to the Chlorpyrifos Ban: Senate Bill 3095, CD 1 continues to retain the ban on chlorpyrifos use, beginning in 2019, without a permit. However, it grants users the ability to obtain permits to use chlorpyrifos until the end of 2022. This extra year ensures farmers have additional time to transition their crops away from chlorpyrifos and that the State, when considering its next steps, will be able to consider new scientific information.

"Senate Bill 3095, Conference Draft 1 continues to balance the necessities of agriculture with the need to protect the public health and the public's interest in knowing what is happening in their neighborhoods. The compromises in this bill are a testament to the hard work of our legislators and the benefits of collaboration and discussion with key stakeholders. For these reasons, I support Senate Bill 3095, Conference Draft 1."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives DeCoite, Har, Ito, Kong, Say and Tokioka voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155-18 and S.B. No. 2027, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2027, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Choy rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. My opposition is for some reason, this bill, this appropriation bill, deletes the requirement that the administration of the appropriated funds must conform to industry financial, accounting, and performance standards. So I'm just kind of curious on why there's no accounting for this particular appropriation. That's my objection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Say rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"I stand in support, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The homeless crisis is an extraordinarily complicated and multi-faceted issue. No one approach offers the right solution for everyone and every circumstance. What this measure does get right is that it helps the often overlooked group, our working families.

"This also strengthens a program that is already highly successful, and this is cost effective. What I mean by cost effect, \$1.5 million will save 1,600 families from going homeless. That equates to 5,000 people from going homeless. This is what this bill accomplishes. Your master contractors,

Aloha United Way, you've got 20 nonprofit contractors below them. They have already done an excellent job, they'll continue to do an excellent job.

"The reason we need this bill is because Hawaii has the highest cost of living of any state in the country. This group is especially vulnerable. This is our working families who are just barely making it. They just need a little bit of help on their rent. For the many hardworking families that are at risk of homelessness, this short-term financial assistance can be the difference between them staying in a home or becoming homeless.

"It is important that we work to help the people find their way out of homelessness, but that we also help our people not become homeless. Since its inception in April of 2016, a coordinated statewide homeless initiative has saved 1,600 families from going homeless. I think \$1.5 million to save 5,000 people from going homeless is a good deal. For those reasons, I support this bill. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2027, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Say voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Choy and Tokioka voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156-18 and S.B. No. 270, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 270, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. First I'm going to read, because it requires some precision, some information prepared by my staff. First, I stand in opposition. If you look at page 3, lines 8 through 20 of the bill, the bill clearly states that a person who is licensed to provide professional counseling shall not engage in reparative therapy. So this part of the bill appears to apply only to licensed professionals. To be sure, line 16 again refers to licensed professionals. However, on page 4, lines 9 through 17, the bill now states that a person who is licensed means any person who performs counseling as part of their person's professional training, which may not require licensure. The bill contradicts itself, because it's clear that it applies only to licensed professionals, but then says you don't have to be licensed as long as counseling is part of your professional training. So, which is it?"

"Secondly, I would direct the body's attention to the AG's written testimony submitted to the House Judiciary Committee where they state, the Department of the Attorney General alerts the committee that a case currently pending in the US Supreme Court, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates vs. Becerra, may have important implications for this measure. It raises questions regarding the extent to which government may constitutionally regulate professional speech, that is, speech that takes place in the context of a professional relationship with a professional who's subject to state regulation. Since the bill only applies to certain licensed professionals, and again, does it really only apply to licensed professionals, because it seems it applies to anyone who counsels as part of their profession, it's likely that this ruling will inform any future discussion of regulation of professional speech. Until that decision is issued, we will be unable to determine the extent that this bill will impact the analysis of the bill. The case was argued March 20 of 2008, decision expected in June.

"In other words, the AG is saying that there's currently a US Supreme Court case that may render this bill unconstitutional, so why not wait?"

"My concern, Mr. Speaker, is that medicine is being politicized. Who are we to tell child psychiatrists how to perform their work? Now, I certainly don't agree with taking a child who is happy in their identity and forcing them against their will to go see counseling when they are happy. As one of the testifiers said that their parents forced them to go, and she was very happy with who she was. I don't agree with forcing someone to do that, or the other young fella who said he wasn't allowed to see his mother for three

years, based on this treatment. Well, anybody who would do that would be a quack, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker. That's sort of, that's cruel in my view.

"But the bill prevents the kids who are questioning. Because of this overbroad definition of, and I hate the words 'conversion therapy' because it's so broad it covers, in my view, basic counseling. If the child says, I have unwanted sexual attractions, dad, please help me, take me to see somebody. I'll be lucky to find somebody who will do it for fear of a lawsuit. And rest assured, there will be people out there targeting child psychiatrists who engage in this behavior to remove unwanted attractions. Believe it or not, there are kids out there who have unwanted attractions. We're saying in this bill, that's impossible.

"Also, there's children who are questioning, not sure. They need guidance, where do they go? Where do they go? We're taking it off the table, you can't go anywhere. No, you're not allowed to question. Well, I'm questioning, mom, dad, help me. Well, we can take you to a less qualified professional, how about the baseball coach? Maybe he can help you. Why are we doing this?

"And then, of course, the transgender individuals who by very definition have a psychological disorder, gender dysphoria, they can't get help. Eighty percent of kids go through some sort of gender questioning."

At 1:31 o'clock p.m., Representative McDermott requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:34 o'clock p.m.

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

Representative McDermott continued, stating:

"But Mr. Speaker, for these broad concerns, removing the option or the opportunity for a young person who is questioning, who has unwanted attractions, why are we doing this? I don't agree with forcing students or young people to get this if they don't want it, if they're happy with who they are. In fact, when I hear that I have visions of a toothless mother in the foothills of the Arkansas dragging young Jimmy by the hair to a pickup truck and taking him down to Little Rock for therapy by some quack, of course I don't agree with that.

"What I'm focused on is the kids who are questioning or have unwanted attractions coming to their parents and saying, I need help. And my fear is this will add a chilling effect, a chilling effect to those offering therapy. Why would I risk it if I'm a child psychiatrist and I have a \$250,000 a year practice, why would I risk it to even delve into this, because I could put my entire family's wealth in jeopardy by losing a lawsuit. If I just happen to, in the professional context of the relationship, drift over into this area of talking to the child.

"So I just don't agree with that, I think it infringes on parental rights. If the child has an unwanted attraction and a parent wants to take that child somewhere, we're infringing on their rights, because there's going to be nowhere to take them, and the parent has no opportunity to engage their child in some sort of counseling that would help that child, if the child wants it. Again, I don't support forcing the children. I'm looking at the questioning children and the children with unwanted attractions. That's why I say this measure is too broad. We have to have some faith in parents, though. After all, they're the parents of the children. Maybe they know what's right for their kids. And if their kid has an unwanted attraction or is questioning, the parent should be allowed to get that child treatment.

"The task force, Mr. Speaker, I give the Judiciary Chair credit, because he fought for the task force. In fact, I was there when he made sure it was included in the conference committee report. But the task force has three people, and the only qualification is they have to be involved in the mental health services. I would like child psychiatrists on that task force at a minimum, and that they have no bias. We have seen task forces where the deck was stacked, and I'll give you an example, the Pono Choices task force. The deck was stacked. I knew everybody who was on there. There was one guy who shared the same views as me, everybody else had a documented

public history, it's how I knew, because I research who they were, what they did, of being pro-Pono Choices. Yet we got a fair ruling from them, but I think that was only because of Board of Education's chairman's directive, and they removed the lone medical professional and replaced him with an unbiased professional, as best I could tell, but the lone medical professional, additionally, was absolutely biased.

"So my concern is the makeup of the task force. And then the task force starts concurrently with the bill being implemented. Normally, you have the task force come first, and then the bill afterwards, based on the findings of the task force. Well, this bill gets implemented immediately and the task force doesn't report back until next June. So what happens in the interim? The damage will be done, and I suspect nothing will happen when the task force comes back, unless they find some sort of egregious violations.

"And lastly, Mr. Speaker, and in closing, I don't think this stuff is done here. I've never heard of it. So I don't understand the purpose of it, other than we are foreclosing options to parents whose children are questioning or have unwanted attractions."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 270, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Choy, Har, Kong, McDermott and Ward voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157-18 and S.B. No. 2653, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2653, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 2653, Conference Draft 1.

"Hawaii is experiencing a healthcare workforce crisis. We feel it when we struggle to find pediatricians who will see our children. We see it when our *kūpuna* have difficulty locating a nearby physician when they age into Medicare. We hear about it when we discuss the dearth of providers serving Medicaid patients.

"The causes of the workforce shortage are as numerous as its effects. Therefore, we must have an assortment of tools to address each of the factors that contribute to the problem. I am proud to say that this body has been proactive in this regard. We have passed bills with the long-term objective of building a workforce from our own population including loan repayment programs to immediately bolster to the workforce and incentivizing healthcare professionals to stay in Hawaii when they complete their formal schooling.

"Senate Bill 2653, CD 1 helps to further address our workforce shortage. The bill allows the Hawaii Medical Board to issue licenses to physicians who: (1) pay the relevant fees; (2) hold an active license from a jurisdiction with substantially similar – or stronger – requirements for licensure than Hawaii; and (3) submit proof that they have actively practiced medicine for at least two of the previous five years. In addition, the board must find that the physician has a clean disciplinary and practice record and may further require the applicant to take an additional examination to demonstrate their competence.

"By reducing unnecessary and duplicative barriers to practice for active, qualified physicians in good standing, we make Hawaii a more attractive place for doctors to hang their shingle. Though the bill will not solve the State's workforce shortage by itself, Senate Bill 2653, CD 1 is nonetheless another tool we can add to our toolkit and represents this body's continued commitment to addressing the issue in a way that recognizes its complexity."

Representative Choy rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition, and may I have my written remarks on second read inserted into the Journal during the third reading," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2653, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 453, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158-18 and S.B. No. 2524, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2524, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Ward moved for recommittal, seconded by Representative Tupola.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our desire to recommit the bill stems from the need that in every version of this bill when it went through committee, there was hundreds of testimonies in opposition, and the current state of the bill has never received public testimony. So it changed in conference committee to take out all of the neighbor islands, because currently all the other counties are able to do this process except for our county, and therefore we believe that this bill should be kicked back to the City Council of Honolulu, since every other county is able to do this except for ours, and they can determine it at their level, and then we can get actual testimony from people that are concerned about this issue across the state, because we should get testimony on the current bill, the way that it is, which was just birthed in conference committee as far as the current state of it.

"And we should be aware that in recent census studies, it's up to almost 90% of our lands here in the State of Hawaii are rural, and therefore ranchers, farmers. Hundreds of people who came out against this, they have a huge influence here in our state because they are over and they understand these processes, which is within agricultural and rural areas. So for those reasons we believe that it'd be best to recommit it, get public testimony on it, and/or let the City and County of Honolulu handle it. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in favor of the recommittal, please. Mr. Speaker, we are a state legislature, not a proxy City and County of Honolulu, of which, if we listen to the other counties, they said, this is an issue we've handled, we've been able to do it, Maui, Kauai. Why, Mr. Speaker, for a bill that's never been seen, should we have the City and County, or as it says euphemistically, any county with 750,000 residents or more.

"The point is, cows don't need streetlights, if we're going to do CPR, let the City and County, let's punt it back to the City and County, see what Mayor Caldwell and his colleagues will do. Thank you."

Representative McKelvey rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, in opposition to the motion, Mr. Speaker. This position of the CD 1 was what the neighbor islands were clamoring for on every version of the bill. Keep us out of it, we already have CPRs, we already do this. Repeatedly, if you look at all the testimony in opposition, the vein and bulk of it comes from the neighbor islands saying, take us out of it. The CD 1 reflects the public testimony that was continually received, which is, take us out of it. So on behalf of one, being taken out of it, thank you, chair, and again, in opposition to the recommittal."

Representative Tupola rose to respond, stating:

"In support. We are very aware that a lot of the testimony was from neighbor islands. However, we're back to the point of the fact that there is a process whereby our City and County can do this, as evident with all the other counties being in testimony saying that they do this very well. So that's what our concern is, is that in the current version of it, we'd like to hear what it is that they need help with on the state level, because if it's not needing any state help, then they can go ahead and handle it on the county level. Thank you."

Representative Nakamura rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"In opposition. With all due respect to the Minority Leader, the City and County of Honolulu asked for this language. They believe that they are unable to, based on their legal advice, to enforce without the language provided in S.B. No. 2524. This bill was amended CD 1 to, as our Representative from Lahaina stated, to address the concerns of the neighbor islands. So what we really have is a measure that addresses the concerns of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Hawaii Farm Bureau, and addressed the concerns of the neighbor islands. So for these reasons I am against the recommittal."

Representative Yamane rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. in opposition. As several of my colleagues have stated, the version before you is a conglomeration of feedback given by the various counties, including Honolulu County. Mr. Speaker, the language crafted was also reviewed and supported by many landowners as well as farmers. The goal of the process was to gather feedback to address a problem that has been occurring, and if you have an issue or concern about the widespread use of county rules or loopholes, or if you are opposed to the use of gentlemen farms to get around current ag rules to do fake farms, Mr. Speaker, you would be opposed to a measure like this.

"The goal, Mr. Speaker, for the measure before you, was to support bona fide ag. This is a bill to allow the City and County of Honolulu to review and enforce ordinances to make sure that people do not develop fake farms using valuable ag land for the purposes of building giant homes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, in support of the recommittal. Mr. Speaker, by logical deduction, if it's legal for Kauai, Maui and other counties to do this, but illegal for the City and County of Honolulu, or because their corporate counsel thinks it's not proper, it must be illegal in Maui and Kauai and these other places. We're all under the same set of state rules, state laws, US Constitution, Hawaii Constitution, so that's a bit confusing. Second thing is, if the neighbor islands can do it, why can't Honolulu County do it? It would seem as simple as that. Thank you."

Representative DeCoite rose in opposition to the motion to recommit and asked that the remarks of Representatives McKelvey and Yamane be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition and call for the question."

At this time, Representative Belatti called for the previous question.

The motion to recommit was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry, with Representatives Hashem, Hashimoto, Matsumoto, Takumi and Tokioka being excused.

(Main Motion)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2524, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LAND USE REQUIREMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Matsumoto, McDermott, Thielen, Tupola and Ward voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163-18 and H.B. No. 2501, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2501, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thanks, in support. Just want to say, this program's going to help reduce cost barriers and help many worthy local college students get the education they need to succeed in their chosen careers, so I support it."

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

Representative Holt's written remarks are as follows:

"In my district, the best way to lift people out of poverty is to address educational inequality and provide access to higher education; Hawai'i Promise Program does exactly that – to remove cost as a barrier to higher education, clearing the path for community college students to complete their education without taking out student loans.

"We as servant leaders are responsible for preparing the citizens of Hawai'i for the modern workforce by ensuring access to quality higher education and the many benefits that come from it.

"Hawai'i Promise Program at our community colleges is a 'last dollar' scholarship that would provide any financial needs not met by other forms of financial aid, such as federal grants and benefits and scholarships from UH, employers and other private sources.

"I look forward to the day that we will be able to offer this program to our Hawai'i students at our four-year UH campuses."

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

Representative Gates's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill codifies into law the Hawai'i Community College Promise Program. Last year money allocated for the community college promise program helped provide scholarship opportunities to 1,000 college students that had financial needs unmet by any other source. This success demonstrates that the permanent establishment of the program is essential at the community college level.

"The State of Hawai'i has a 55 by '25 campaign goal that focuses on increasing the percentage of working-age adults with two or four-year degrees to 55% by 2025. According to the most recent data available, 44% of Hawai'i's working age adults have a postsecondary degree. By passing HB 2501, we promise to bridge this educational attainment gap.

"Education is the great leveler of the playing field. Through understanding and wisdom we will create a more vibrant and successful Hawai'i. More opportunities will be created for our young people and more civic and political engagement will surely follow. HB 2501 is a commitment to our future and promise not to leave behind anyone that strives for success."

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Bill 2501, Conference Draft 1.

"This measure delivers on a promise of making a community college affordable. For many of our residents, better opportunities and improving one's life and the lives of family members are made possible if they can pursue an education beyond high school.

"House Bill 2501, CD 1 codifies the Hawaii Community College Promise Program and provides scholarship monies to pay for those unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any of the University of Hawaii community college campuses located throughout the state. By providing this last-gap scholarship funding, important needs such as tuition and the costs of books, supplies, and transportation will be funded after other sources of grants and scholarships are applied.

"By reducing the cost barriers to attending community college, House Bill 2501, CD 1 strengthens the capacity of our residents to succeed so that our economy and all of our communities can thrive."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2501, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164-18 and H.B. No. 1508, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1508, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Say voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

At 1:48 o'clock p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:49 o'clock p.m.

At 1:51 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2538, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1932, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1778, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1401, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2027, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 270, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2653, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2524, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2501, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1508, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

At 1:51 o'clock p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, could you please note, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167-18, S.B. No. 2791, is deferred one legislative day."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167-18 and S.B. No. 2791, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165-18 and H.B. No. 1986, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1986, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of House Bill 1986, Conference Draft 1, the third of a trio of bills worked on by this legislature to improve and protect our environment and our economy.

"The increase of the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere and the resulting climate change threaten our state's natural environment and our economy. The transferring and selling of carbon offset credits has proven to be effective in generating revenues to mitigate and enhance adaptation to climate change.

"House Bill 1986, CD 1 sets Hawaii on the path of creating a carbon credit offset program where carbon credits are tradeable certificates or permits that represent a greenhouse gas reduction or greenhouse gas removal enhancement that is equivalent to one metric ton of carbon dioxide.

"Revenues generated by the selling of carbon offset credits can be invested into projects that will further enhance the State's efforts and work to mitigate or adapt to the problems associated with climate change. This could be very useful as we see our coastlines threatened by rising sea levels associated with climate change. Revenues from the selling of carbon offset credits may also be used to invest in projects that enhance the State's bold sustainability goals and policies.

"Because House Bill 1986, CD 1 continues Hawaii on the path to a sustainable environment and a strong economy, I support this measure as an important tool to achieve those objectives."

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

"In support, just brief comments, these will be my last of the day. This carbon offset program will not only reduce Hawaii's carbon footprint, but it will also, I hope, serve as an inspiration to the rest of the country. As an individual state, the effect may be minimal for us, but it will help establish a culture of responsibility and environmental stewardship for generations to come. And I'd like to, I was remiss in not mentioning this earlier with HB 2182 as well. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1986, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166-18 and S.B. No. 2740, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2740, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to a previous ruling on a conflict of interest on this measure, I request that I have recusal to vote from this measure for limited purposes."

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"So ordered in this limited situation."

Representative Thielen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2740, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Thielen voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Har and McKelvey voting no, and with Representatives Belatti and Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169-18 and H.B. No. 2742, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2742, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Choy voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170-18 and H.B. No. 1895, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1895, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative McDermott voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171-18 and H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First, I wanted to thank you for allowing us to move this very important bill through the legislative process. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before this Chamber today in strong support of House Bill 1911 in its conference draft form. This measure takes an important step forward in creating safety and fairness. The safety net is protecting our consumers, and fairness in that it is closing loopholes in business regulations.

"Before I get into the details, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to recognize several colleagues who are crucial in the passage of this measure. Again, I thank you, I thank the Senate Chair of Consumer Protection and Health, I thank our House Chair of Consumer Protection. I also wanted to thank the Director of Health, Dr. Pressler, and two key people that worked on this bill with us, Department of Health Administrator Keith Ridley, and Deputy Attorney General Angela Tokuda. Finally, I wanted to thank the over 2,000 community care homes that are licensed in the state, the caregivers, the case managers, all those who supported this measure. I'd like to have permission to submit their names into the Journal, they're just too numerous. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

"Consumer safety and protection must always be our top priority, especially when we're protecting our most vulnerable, our *kūpuna* and our people with disabilities. This measure protects consumers by authorizing the Department of Health to investigate and enter care facilities that have been reported to be operating without certification or license. We purposely used the word 'may' instead of 'shall.' So it does not allow them to go into that unlicensed care home, they could talk with them and see if they can go into the care home, so any rumors about having stronger police powers than law enforcement is false and misleading. In the bill, we put the word 'may,' it's permissive, it's not mandatory, we purposely did that to recognize the opponents of this measure.

"During the hearings and the informational briefing this session, we heard heart-breaking stories from families and nurses about the business practices of the unlicensed and uncertified care homes. Taken in their totality, these stories are about businesses that provide inadequate care, fail to meet basic regulatory and medical standards, and charge excessive rates. Retirement funds built over a lifetime may be expended far faster in these unlicensed facilities.

"As I mentioned earlier, another harm created by unlicensed and uncertified care homes is the way in which these facilities undermine the legal, legitimate, licensed care homes that are doing the right thing and are following the rules and the laws of the State. There are numerous regulations that we, the Legislature, have imposed on these businesses in order to create a market that provides good services to Hawaii's consumers. Businesses that circumvent these regulations by failing to obtain the appropriate documentation should not be rewarded with significant commercial advantages over their more ethical competitors. Yet, in the status quo, that is exactly what is happening.

"I have a list before me, and I'm not going to go through every one, Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to take everyone's valuable time. I'm just going to highlight a few of them. Criminal background checks, the unlicensed care homes do not have any criminal background checks. You can have a murderer or a rapist be your primary caregivers. In addition, these unlicensed care homes do not have annual inspections by the Department of Health. They don't have any unannounced inspections by the Department of Health. The legitimate licensed care homes all have to acquiesce to these rules and regulations.

"For the licensed care homes and certified care homes, they all have liability insurance for their patients. In fact, we put such stringent laws on them, they even need liability insurance for their vehicles taking these patients to and from their places of need. We also have building and fire code requirements that the licensed and certified care homes need to abide by. Medical record requirements, TB clearance, I could go on and on. I'm not going to, that's just some, just a few of the important requirements that the licensed and legitimate certified care home industry has to abide by."

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

Representative Mizuno continued, stating:

"Thank you, Representative. Hawaii has nearly 2,000 licensed legal care homes serving approximately 13,000 residents, these are our *kūpuna* and our people with disabilities. Department of Health has reported that 76 community care foster family homes closed in 2016, and another 74 closed in 2017. That's 150, and that's only one segment, they're called CCFHs, that's only one segment. There's about nine different segments of care homes, Mr. Speaker. This shows that there's an exodus of licensed caregivers. In January, in fact, this year, January, the Department of Health fined one of these formerly licensed care home facilities \$325,000 when they continued to operate without a license. This is a problem that is only worsening with time.

"Unfortunately, this should not be surprising. We should not expect every care home to try to follow the rules and compete with those competitors that aren't held to the same standards. We need to pass this measure in fairness to the legitimate licensed care home industry. The tragedy of unlicensed and uncertified care homes is played out daily across our state, and it victimizes *kūpuna*, people with disabilities, and families trying to do the best they can. The victims and their advocates have voiced themselves loud and clear to us. Today we have the opportunity to show them that we are here and we listened to their concerns. I urge my colleagues to do what is right for the safety of our residents, and what is fair for law-abiding care homes. Vote in support of House Bill 1911, CD 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Mizuno submitted the following additional names:

"Dr. Nancy Walch, Amelia Casamina Cabatu, Agnes Reyes, Elsa Talavera, Maribel Tan, Wannette Gaylord, Lilia Fajotina, Esther Pascual, and many additional people."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support. I'd like to request that the remarks of the previous speaker be entered in the Journal as if they were my own, and I'd also like to make further comments to be entered in the Journal. And one more thing. If we allow these things to have to be our *kūpuna* under unlicensed care homes, they will be susceptible to abuse, fraud, and they will be at risk. It's always better to have regulations in terms of taking care

of our *kūpuna*. It is for this reason that I strongly support this bill. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Cachola's written remarks are as follows:

"H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 relates to care facilities; uncertified; unlicensed; enforcement; community-based care home; adult care center; criminal penalty. It authorizes the Department of Health to investigate care facilities reported to be operating without an appropriate certificate or license issued by the Department. Establishes penalties for violations and for knowingly referring or transferring patients to uncertified or unlicensed care facilities, with certain exceptions. Excludes landlords from licensure, under certain conditions.

"Anytime *kūpuna* health is under unlicensed care home and medical facilities, it is susceptible to fraud, abuse and at risk of neglect. This is due to non-compliance to necessary inspection requirements.

"Licensed community care homes and medical facilities by the Department of Health must have to comply, among other things, with the following requirements: (a) Criminal background checks for all employees; (b) Be licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) after fulfilling all safety and insurance requirements; (c) Annual inspections by the DOH; (d) Unannounced inspections by the DOH; (e) Liability insurance for the patients; and (f) Must allow the state Department of Health to go onsite to visit the patient or the conditions of the care home.

"With constant and regular monitoring, our *kūpuna* would be better served by H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1.

"I stand in strong support of this bill."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. As the Chair of Health & Human Services has stated, this is about protecting the most vulnerable. My only request is that next time we go through this, it actually be stronger. Because we are requiring licensed care facilities to have these surprise visits, these inspections, all of these requirements that cost money and cost them employees and cost them their time, whereas unlicensed facilities, because they're unlicensed, are not subject to all of this. By making it a 'may' instead of a 'shall,' hopefully next time we look at this we make it a 'shall' be able to, an actual requirement that the department inspect upon a complaint.

"What's happening now is that licensed care facilities are losing clients to unlicensed ones because of referrals, which I believe we should sanction even stronger than we are at this measure. So I thank the Chair for introducing this, and I support it, however, next time let's make it stronger. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to commend the Chair of Finance, because I know how hard she worked on this measure towards the end of conference. This measure will provide important protection for those that are caring for our *kūpuna* and those with disabilities, and this will allow for fairness in making sure that we are protecting the consumers in this industry. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172-18 and H.B. No. 2729, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2729, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tupola rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2729, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Tupola voting aye with reservations, with Representative Har voting no, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173-18 and H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. This intention of this bill, and I want to also thank the chairs for introducing this, is so that DOE can bill Medicaid, and that's something we've needed for a while for our ABAs, for applied behavior analysts. And so I just wanted to share that, one of the concerns that people had was in regards to the reimbursement in the expansion of the definition of psychologists being able to provide these services. And so currently in HMSA they state that Quest patients will not be able to be reimbursed if the person was not actually certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

"So that's something that some parents were concerned about, because this is definitely a step in the right direction, we've needed this for a long time. And some of them asked me to actually read this part, that they were concerned about the fact that psychologists are allowed to provide ABA so long as it's the psychologist's education, training and competence. However, there is no place where education, training and competence are defined.

"So I share their worry, and I think that the step is correct for us to get that Medicaid billing going, and that we should consider the fact that the expansion might prohibit some of the proper billing that families need in order to get reimbursed. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, request to insert written comments, and just brief remarks. I would like to thank the Chairs of Education, IAC, and Health & Human Services for the good work they did on this difficult topic. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 2271, Conference Draft 1.

"Since the passage of the insurance mandate for behavior analysis services for the treatment of autism, our provider communities have struggled with ensuring that behavior analysis treatment is offered and provided to those who would most benefit from this treatment in the educational and community settings in which behavior analysis is supposed to be provided.

"These struggles have been, in part, because of the need to grow and identify the qualified providers who can provide these services. However, with the Department of Education in particular, there appears to be many more obstacles where parents report frustration with the Individual Educational Program or IEP process where behavior analysis seems to have been systematically disregarded and minimized in autistic children's plans even though these children and families may have received the appropriate autistic diagnosis from their treating physicians and healthcare providers outside of the school system.

"House Bill 2271, CD 1 continues to afford agencies such as the Department of Health and the Department of Education some time to successfully integrate and implement these services for the populations that they serve. But progress needs to be made and made with much more meaningful commitment to integrating these services for the broad range of children with varying levels of autism, not just those with severe autism. For the sake of improving the immediate educational outcomes of these students and their ability to succeed and thrive in the future, integrating these services

is important – otherwise we, as a community, will fail in providing the appropriate services to another generation of children."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175-18 and S.B. No. 2854, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2854, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177-18 and S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Thank you. About eight years ago, Mr. Speaker, I introduced a simple House resolution regarding the subject matter of safe zones, and the idea was to create space where the homeless will want to go, instead of them monopolizing our sidewalks, parks and beaches. When a natural disaster strikes, government provides temporary shelter to people who have been dislodged. And what we have today may be an economic disaster, and government must do the same.

"This bill has several funding mechanisms, including a provision for \$30 million to fund ohana zones, or as some people call them, *mālama* zones. It's a place for people to go before they get into more permanent housing, and it's much needed. We're using the Kahauiki Village by the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport as the template for this measure, and we look forward to adding a new solution to a major challenge, perhaps the ultimate challenge facing us in Hawaii today.

"And with a smile, Mr. Speaker, we have to recognize the work of one legislator, without him we could not have taken his three ohana zone bills and put them into one Senate bill. Joking aside, thank you to the Health & Human Services Chair, I enjoy his company and respect his work ethic."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support. Thank you. It's about a decade ago, the Chair of Housing brought up, touted this idea, about safe zones. We've always been close, you see, and I'm so honored today that his concept is now in a bill. For 10 years we had people laughing at us, thinking we're kind of crazy. I think some people still do. But at the end of the day, the Chair of Housing truly represents this statement, and I say it with complete love and from the bottom of my heart. In this bill, and his concepts on helping our homeless people, this sentence displays all that he's about, that there are no throwaway people in our society, and I'm just so proud to be a colleague of the Chair of Housing, just so honored to have this bill pass after 10 years.

"This bill also represents two pilot programs, Mr. Speaker. One is for the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Program, the other is Medical Respite Pilot Program. This will address the urgent need of patients that are in need, many of these are homeless that go to the emergency room when they don't need to. They'll get the proper help they'll need, and we'll end up saving a lot of money at ERs and for acute care bed space, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars, Medicaid funds, as well as monies from our hospitals.

"The concept by my good colleague, the Housing Chair, is this, that in order for individuals experiencing homelessness to transition out of homelessness, there's several factors they need. First, they need a place of stability. Second, they need a place to heal. Third, they need the ability to

become self-reliant, and this is the safe zones now called ohana zones that is touted by my good colleague, the Chair of Housing, that is finally coming to fruition today. The Ohana Zones Pilot creates all these, and we're hopeful that our people that go to these ohana zones can truly transition out of homelessness and get into permanent support housing.

"I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the beginning you told all the chairs to be bold. I want to thank the Majority Leader, the entire leadership team, the Finance Chair, especially my good colleague the Chair of Housing for a job well done. *Mahalo*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"In strong support, and I do praise both the Housing Chair and Health & Human Services. And the reason for it is because while this bill was going through, even homeless advocates were testifying against this bill. And for them to be bold and to continue forward shows strength, and for that I admire them. I also want to point out, one of the things that wasn't brought up that I really admire and I'm glad they put in, is a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, LEAD project, \$200,000 of which is going to be on the Big Island. That would go substantially towards hopefully reducing our district court backlogs and allow self-empowerment to the law enforcement community to determine for themselves who is best to go to jail versus to a treatment program. Thank you."

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

"Strong support. Mahatma Gandhi said that the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. SB 2401 is a multi-pronged approach to addressing homelessness throughout the state. It's groundbreaking because it provides flexible funding for ohana zones, or what some people insist on calling *mālama* zones, the LEAD program, an expansion of family assessment centers on the neighbor islands, a new Medical Respite Pilot Program, and new Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Programs. And both of these pilot programs involve leveraging private funding.

"Mr. Speaker, the bill before us provides alternatives to incarceration, alternatives to living on the street, alternatives to the revolving door at all of our hospitals throughout our state.

"Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Housing and Human Services Chairs for their persistence over the last decade in both the House and the Senate for their leadership, for our House and WAM Chairs for securing the financial resources to make this bill work, and the Majority Leader from Makiki for crafting this bill that provides flexibility for addressing homelessness in each county."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to adopt the words of all of the previous speakers as if they were my own, and insert written comments. And I want to give a big shout out to Majority Leader for crafting such a broad but very specific measure to address our homeless crisis. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Gates's written remarks are as follows:

"Today the Legislature stepped up to the plate to address our homeless crisis across the State of Hawai'i. SB 2401 provides \$30 million for pilot 'Ohana Zone' projects to create an alternative to traditional housing and social services for homeless individuals and families. Up to six (6) sites, three (3) on Oahu and one (1) on Kauai, Maui and Big Island will be established. This is intended to care for our homeless and free up our parks and public spaces for their intended use. Additionally, it provides \$1 million for an Emergency Department Assessment Pilot Program, \$1 million for a Medical Respite Pilot Program, \$800,000 for a new family assessment center, and \$400,000 for two new Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Programs on Maui and Hawai'i Island. Another homeless measure, SB 2027, provides \$1.5 million for a Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative.

"Homelessness effects all our communities, from Chinatown to the North Shore, from Kauai to Big Island, tents and makeshift structures are pervasive on our sidewalks, parks and beaches. By passing SB 2401 we chose to no longer ignore this epidemic, but instead we have secured the funds and demonstrated the will power to take a big step at solving homelessness in Hawai'i. These bills will not only provide an alternative to traditional housing, but afford these individuals and families the social services and medical care that every human being deserves. I would like to thank leadership for their tireless efforts, compassion and courage to think outside the box to make a real difference in the lives of our most vulnerable population."

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

Representative Holt's written remarks are as follows:

"As our state struggles with the answer to chronic homelessness, and especially in my district, we have taken the first of many steps by appropriating funds to facilitate assistance to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

"With this measure and the other two previous bills passed, this will allow the Governor to implement various strategies to address homelessness along the full spectrum of care. To truly tackle the issues, we will need more transitional housing, more robust job placement, and a tremendous expansion of our existing mental health and addiction counseling service while partnering with public/private sectors to address this concern throughout our state."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I'll try to keep this very brief, but I wanted to frame my comments with three concepts. *Mālama*, to care for, *kōkua*, to help and assist, and *'ohana*, family. We all know homelessness is one the biggest issues facing the State. We read about it in the news, hear about it in our townhalls, and often see it for ourselves when we return to our districts. For me, it's driving along King Street, the short distance between the Capitol and my home.

"The reasons for homelessness are myriad, as are the solutions and populations effected. That means there is no one answer, and this bill acknowledges that reality and proposes a variety of solutions accordingly. *Mālama*, to care for. So as noted by the Housing Chair, our ohana zones three year pilot program could in fact be called *mālama* zones. It addresses the basic needs of homeless persons and provides them services necessary to transition them into affordable housing. It is meant to be a temporary fix. It gives the Governor the flexibility necessary to identify the departments and agencies best equipped to begin and manage the program, while also appropriating \$30 million to ensure that the project is big enough to make a difference. The bill creates evaluation and oversight standards, and requires regular reports to the Legislature of the progress made. The Legislature will be watching, the community will be watching as we give the Governor flexibility.

"*Kōkua*, to help and to assist. In part II of the bill, two pilot programs are created, and I cannot underscore how important that the private sector is in *kōkua*-ing with us. In helping and providing funds to set up programs like the Medical Respite Program and the Emergency Assessment Program in the emergency room departments. Also, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program is also something that we partner with, and importantly, it's something that we partner with our government agencies. So the Department of Health is at the center of the LEAD, or the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, attempts to address the underlying behavioral health conditions that contribute and to persons' underlying medical behavioral challenges, directing them away from the criminal justice system into programs that work.

"*'Ohana*. The family assistance center is conceived of something new, beyond just the Kakaako Family Assessment Center, which we know is working. So, again, flexibility given to the Governor, to the executive, to be able to identify other areas for family assistance centers.

"Mr. Speaker, this bill approaches the issues of homelessness in a way that is robust, tailored to the needs of different populations, and will build the foundation for future efforts to combat this issue. For these reasons, I stand in support."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd like to start by commending the chairs, conferees, and members of this body for supporting this legislation. And I'm going to speak a little bit about one of the pieces within the bill itself that I think is very important and has gotten sort of under-covered over the last year since the Legislature actually initiated this program. And as my colleague from Puna mentioned, it's the LEAD Program.

"I think it's very important to have this discussion right now, in light of this ohana zones discussion, because when we talk about different types of services for the homeless, we really don't talk about a key component of the homeless crisis, which is drug addiction and how the ohana zones part of this measure along with the other two pilot projects and LEAD are really finally the Legislature's reaction and solution to addressing that part of the homeless crisis, which is a major part of it that everyone I think understands, and we just don't talk about.

"LEAD is Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. And this bill expands out funding, appropriating funding so that this program can be implemented on the neighbor islands, as well as on Oahu. We started it on Oahu, the homeless crisis doesn't only affect Oahu. The State of Hawaii is not only Oahu. We have this problem on the neighbor islands, and so it's time to expand out beyond Oahu. This is a voluntary, non-coercive support initiative, and it's these types of programs for homeless and drug addicted individuals that are just superior to what we are doing now, when it comes to homeless, which is mostly either ignoring them, sweeping them from one site to the other, or worse and most expensive of all, locking them up. That's why, as I mentioned, this body actually authorized and appropriated the first LEAD Pilot Project last year, which I'm glad that the Governor has recently initiated on Oahu.

"But in order to address our homeless crisis, our systems need to change. That's what this bill is about today. It's not only about money, it's not only about housing, our response systems need to change, and that's what LEAD is. Our emergency response systems are just not meant to deal with the homeless crisis. Primarily, they're meant to save lives. Fire, police, ambulance, we did not create them to treat homeless people. We created them to fight fires, to fight crime, to protect the public, and to save lives. They are not designed to treat people with behavioral health issues.

"This is a system problem. That's why our other ancillary systems are suffering and buckling under the pressure. Our parks, our hospitals, our maintenance support for all of our public spaces, highways, schools, they're all buckling because we haven't addressed the system part of this problem. So this bill does two things, it appropriates money, but it starts that change that is so necessary in order to actually solve this issue.

"When it comes to homelessness, like I said, we talk about housing, over my time here in the Legislature, we talk about mental health, but we don't talk about drug addiction. I recently spoke with a doctor in my district who treats lots of different patients in Kaneohe, and he told me that part of the reason why we haven't really started to make headway on the homeless issue is because we haven't addressed the three top problems related to homelessness. And he said those are meth, meth, and meth. This is a primary care physician in my community who takes all comers.

"Eighty percent of our chronic homeless are addicted to some kind of substance, we just don't talk about it. We say mental health, we say all these other things. Those are parts of it, but we don't talk about this part of it. We need to address it, and LEAD is meant to address it. That's what this program was created for. Locking up addicts or individuals with mental health conditions for sleeping on sidewalks or bus stops is just not solving the problem. This program especially gives our police an opportunity to get these individuals some help right away, which is a critical third option to locking them up or ignoring them, the primary two choices police and first-responders have when they get a homeless-related call. This is a subtle, but

I believe monumental change in the way our response systems work. We need to redesign these and many other parts of our government system."

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

Representative Keohokalole continued, stating:

"Sorry, I'll be done right after this. We need to account for the realities of today, okay. Our state government systems were designed in 1959 for the sugar economy of the mid-50s. That part of Hawaii has passed us by. We need to account for what's going on now and get our heads out of the sand. This does this. People are going to fight it, people aren't going to agree, we're not going to get it right, like I said before, but we have to try. I'm biased in favor of trying. And so that's what this does, and that's why I'm speaking passionately about it, because it's about time that we actually try to solve these problems that are right in front of our faces.

"So I'm in support of the bill. I'm glad that we're moving this program and the rest of the ohana zones initiative out to the neighbor islands and the entire state because it's a problem for everybody, and that's why I support the bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. In the beginning of session, you instructed the Legislature and this House to focus on housing and homeless, and as we have already discussed housing, this bill is the culmination of work, the extensive work done by the various Members of this House during the interim and leading up to now. And I can tell you in the beginning of session there were numerous number of bills introduced relating to homeless, and I think even the advocates and even the community members and even the members themselves felt, okay where is this all going, because things are all over the place, where is this going.

"This is really the example of the best of the Legislature. This is an example of how people came together, both the House and the Senate, the various members and various community leaders, and with a lot of hard work, a lot of late nights, what resulted in is Senate Bill 2401. 2401 did not look like this in the beginning of session. 2401 is the culmination of the various discussions, the many hours that people put together, and this is part of a package of bills that the Legislature is committing to address our homeless community.

"Along with this, the \$50 million in the budget which deals with shallow rent subsidy, housing first storage, mental health services, and the AUW bill packaged together, the Legislature is providing close to \$50 million to provide services and assistance to our homeless community. And this is a huge commitment, and I want to thank everybody in the Legislature, because every one of you has made this a commitment, and has made this a priority, and because of that, this is what we see today. So thank you very much."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support with mild precautions. I agree with everybody who has just spoken. But Mr. Speaker, in our profession we are supposed to under promise and over deliver. I think we may be over delivering like we did about in the earlier session today in the housing project. We're getting expectations pretty high. And this is a good bill, it's \$50 billion, it gives so many different elements that are good for the bills, particularly the ohana zones which morph from safe zones, and I commend the Chair of Housing for his persistence. Because we know, Mr. Speaker, we cannot do status quo. We cannot keep on keeping on the way we've done it.

"This establishes a Medical Respite Pilot, establishes a Family Assessment Center, and it just does about everything that we've learned, except for one thing. It doesn't have a master plan to end homelessness. It doesn't have a plan to even put meat on the bones of what otherwise is a bill that says, okay, czar in the Governor's Office do this, and City and County do that. I don't see the plan that's going to do it, Mr. Speaker. And when the example was as the pilot by the airport, the villages, those, Mr. Speaker, are

costing between \$100,000 and \$150,000 each. I don't think there's enough money to do that.

"In the beginning, there were a number of bills that were considered. Some of them were passed unanimously, some of them failed, but I think overall there was an attempt to do something different. What my fear is, is that when we leave things vague and open to question, we may miss some of the basic points. And that is, Mr. Speaker, as has been said, everybody needs to have a stable place to stay. Everybody needs to know where they're going to put their head down at night. Some of us did the CEO Sleepout here on the rotunda. Sleeping on that cement is not easy, and in fact, I thought if I could have had a few drinks, I would have slept a lot better. Therefore, the anesthetization of the meth is a good way to numb yourself from the situation.

"But Mr. Speaker, what I'm afraid is that we are not going to have enough to solve the homeless problem, and we're doing as the analogy this leaky roof proposal. The leaky roof solution is where you got enough money to fix 20% of the roof, and it doesn't leak in that 20% but you still got 80% of your roof leaking. Mr. Speaker, let's face it, homelessness has gotten worse, and worse, and worse, and worse. It is not getting better. So we really need to deliver, we really need to do a great job of what this bill outlines, and it has the potential to do it, but it's going to take the political will and people who know what they're doing, like Mayor Kim and others.

"Mr. Speaker, I would also add that there are some models out there that we shouldn't ignore. Pu'uho'oua Villages under Twinkle is a shining example of hardly any government money, except for government land, with governance, with rules that say you can't do this, you can't do that, with homeless people who are working, with homeless people who have children, with a homeless modicum of governance without any interruption from government. Mr. Speaker, that unfortunate experiment is being threatened by a huge sweep.

"Another example, Mr. Speaker, and I bring that to the attention of all my colleagues, is in Kaneohe. First Assembly of God has 12 domes, as we speak, being erected. Nine are for homeless mothers with children. Terrific group of people, we really need to, our hearts should really go out to them. Three of the buildings are for food, restrooms and for governance, which would be safety as well as probably social services and other things. Mr. Speaker, that's by the churches, First Assembly of God, I think Pastor Kaneshiro and Pastor Ko are proud of that, and they're just now, after two years of waiting for proposals.

"I hope some of the Puuhonua Villages Act that is modeled after that would be taken into consideration, because Mr. Speaker, those are one unit, \$15,000 or less. As earlier spoken, these are transitional solutions to what otherwise would be permanent housing. Mr. Speaker, we're not going to reach permanent housing using the brick and mortar."

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

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Thank you, sir. The brick and mortar model is about \$300,000 to \$450,000 a pop. We need \$3.5 billion to solve the homeless problem. But if we use temporary housing like Puuhonua Villages Act has proposed, we can house all of the people for less than \$200 million.

"Mr. Speaker, we need to have that commitment. We need to say, we have a solution. I don't think anybody out there really believes what we said on the floor today, because they've seen it get worse and worse and worse and sweep after sweep. So, Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is, we really have to deliver."

Representative Keohokalole rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, I did mean what I said."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"I'm sure that we've all meant what we said. But my point is, Mr. Speaker, we have to deliver. We have to really put actions behind our words. For those of us who have been here a while, we were kicking this can down the road for how many sessions, how many decades? Too many decades to even remember when safe zones came up, Mr. Speaker.

"The point is, we are on the line for our credibility, we've over promised with this bill, we've probably, I hope do not under deliver for the sake of all those out there who need our help. The bottom line again, we have to deliver. And I want to thank Mike Goodman for all of his effort, and Mr. Speaker for the Housing Chair and others to know, he is at your service to do as much as possible that he can do, and his wages are simply pizza and gratitude. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"In support. I just want to start by *mahalo*-ing everyone for all the work. This was a long time in the works, I think it was last July and August when we first sat down and discussed how to best move forward with housing and homelessness. And I think we've done both, we also did the three priorities that I was hoping for as Majority Policy Leader with vote by mail and equal pay and pesticides. So it's really nice to see all the work that's been done. I remember meetings with the Housing Chair and the Majority Leader with all sorts of members from nonprofits, from the private and public sector, all sorts of personalities. And to get to something like this, it shouldn't be unsaid by how much that work is valued here.

"So with the ohana zones, I think there was a quote by my fellow Majority Policy Leader last year, and he was talking about how the prisons are becoming de facto homeless shelters. It was a very apt quote, but one thing that I was concerned about with safe zones or ohana zones was to make sure that these homeless camps don't become de facto prisons by putting them all in one area and having it patrolled by law enforcement.

"So it was really important that we pass Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, to give these law enforcement officers more power than just punitive, because right now, if they were to see a victim of drug abuse using, they only had two options, either to leave them alone, or arrest them. Or they could walk up to them and say here's a card to a social service provider. But as you've probably seen if any of you played basketball up in Chinatown, there's those like business cards all over the place that they just throw away or leave on the floor. So you really need that warm hand-off to make sure that these people are getting the services they need.

"It should be said that drug abuse and mental health are not two distinct issues, they often overlap in very profound and obvious ways. One out of 100 people in our general population are schizophrenic, and in a world where it's easier to come across meth than it is to psychotropics, drugs that are legal, they self-medicate, and then they become addicted. And the other way around too, once you do become addicted to meth, you can fall into patterns of drug-induced schizophrenia and mental illness. So it's important that we don't conflate those, but also understand how they connect.

"Thirty percent of the homeless population now is Native Hawaiian. Twenty-seven percent of the homeless population are COFA migrants from Micronesia or the Marshall Islands, even though they only represent 1% of our general population. So that's a 27x disproportionate rate of houselessness. And one issue is, these folks don't receive Medicaid funding from the Federal Government and a lot of the services here at the State as well.

"So following what the last speaker was saying, if we really want a holistic plan of addressing homelessness, I think we're well on our way. This, with Housing First, to actually provide housing to people who need it, that's a great next step. And I challenge anyone who says this isn't enough to introduce a bill, whether it's large bonds for public housing, or to actually tackle the demand side and shift resources over. Because we know, in Hawaii, scarcity is not a problem. You just look out and you see luxury condominiums popping up every two weeks in Kakaako, literally adjacent to Native Hawaiians and veterans in the streets. It's just a matter of having the will to shift those resources to actually help working people.

"I apologize, I have a really bad toothache right now for some reason, so I'm just trying to talk over it. Thank you. Thank you, leadership especially, for moving this. Aloha."

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

"Strong support. I wasn't going to speak, but I really wanted to take a moment to just commend Majority Leader, the Housing Chair, Health & Human Services Chair, and their respective Senate Chairs for their leadership on this.

"This is the hardest, most rewarding job I've ever had and that I can imagine. But one of the most difficult things in this job, I think for everybody, is trust. And we often have to trust one another, that people are going to put in the work, and the hard work and the hours, to solve problems. And we're not always on those committees where a lot of these issues are tackled. And I really just want to commend all of those members of those committees for doing the hard work and tackling this very important issue, as well as the housing issue, and thank you. Thank you as a colleague and thank you for doing that great work for the people of Hawaii."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Also wanted to thank all the chairs, leadership as well, and permission to insert written comments."

Representative Tupola's written remarks are as follows:

"SB 2401, provides funding for many programs which are essential for the fight against homelessness. It also allocates \$30 million to establish ohana zones, which is a three-year 'safe-zone' pilot program.

"While this is a laudable effort, done with the best of intentions, I respectfully question the wisdom of spending \$30 million on a safe-zone pilot program, when we could have spent it on Pu'uuhonua homeless villages as specified by HB 2014, the Pu'uuhonua homeless villages act. For reasons I can't understand, the conference committee decided to defer HB 2014 indefinitely, and instead proceeded with the ohana safe-zones pilot program.

"We don't need a pilot program to show us how to end homelessness. Existing programs here and across the country are ending homelessness every day. For example, housing first programs have an 89% success rate with severely mentally ill and substance addicted chronically homeless individuals. For homelessness caused by purely economic reasons, providing apartments with sufficient subsidies has a 100% success rate.

"In fact, the only reason we still have a homeless crisis, is that we have a shortage of subsidized apartments; and the only the reason we have a shortage of subsidized apartments, is they cost an average of \$450,000 each to build, and roughly \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month to rent.

"So what's the solution? We need to 'think outside the bricks.' We can do what we're already doing in apartments without apartments; housing first will work just as well in a modular home as it does in an apartment.

"HB 2401 was based on a \$200 million plan to assemble 8,000 comfortable, safe modular homes that cost \$15,000 or less, have 200-300 square feet of living space, are virtually fire-proof, can withstand force-five hurricane winds and 8.0 earthquakes. If HB 2014 had passed the conference committee, 8,000 modular homes would have brought homelessness to 'functional zero' in about six years.

"Pu'uuhonua villages could also have started out as 'ohana-like safe-zones,' but end up as villages with permanent housing. For a 'down payment' of \$36 million, 80 villages could have been built with 8,000 homesites, complete with communal bathrooms, showers, access to public transportation, and wrap around supportive services, just like ohana zones. And like ohana zones, everyone would initially live in temporary dwellings, but with a huge difference:

"Ohana zones will try to transition residents into apartments that may or may not be available, and pay for it with funds that may or may not be available. Instead, Pu'uuhonua villages would have brought permanent

housing to the residents. For an amount that is predictable and affordable, every temporary dwelling would eventually be replaced by permanent, modular homes. So, if the conference committee had passed Pu'uuhonua villages instead of ohana zones, \$30 million would have gone towards permanent housing and a real solution to the homeless crisis.

"I sincerely hope we can revisit this issue next year, and not continue to make the same mistakes we've made for decades."

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

"In support with slight reservations. Members and Speaker, this afternoon it's with slight reservations that I support this measure. And one of the core that we are missing here in this particular measure is workforce development for those who are going to implement these programs.

"I've come across a lot of social workers who are already burnt out. I hope, in the budget, that the University of Hawaii School of Social Work got some increased funding so that you can increase the enrollment. Our medical profession that you want to have the diversion, where are these particular doctors going to come from? Nurses, *et cetera*, whereby the medical school has already a program that uses a van that goes to Waianae to do this medical evaluations of these homeless individuals.

"But more importantly, think about it. We're spending a lot of money, but do we have the qualified individuals to execute and implement the programs that are in this particular measure?"

"It's hard to say what's really going to happen, but it's great that it is a pilot program, and this body, who are coming back next year, will have the opportunity to evaluate how successful it is.

"But it is a little scary, because in this particular measure, is it possible that we could grant them an exemption from Chapter 76, our civil service laws. Will these be all contractors, private vendors doing the services? I really don't know. But you have given it to the Governor to make that determination.

"And I wanted to go on record this afternoon to tell the Governor and his homeless coordinator, and the Department of Transportation, and all other departments that are affiliated with the homeless program presently, for a job well done in responding, for the Representatives from the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Palolo area. When we called, they were there, under the bridge by the Board of Water Supply, Harding Avenue and 3rd, they were there up at St. Louis Heights, they were there at Diamond Head Park, and they were there to support all of us here also. But the bottom line, do we have the workers of the future addressing all of these different programs that you folks have developed?"

"So in closing, congratulations to the authors of this conference draft. And god willing, if I'm back, I'll probably ask the question, how far have we gone through this particular program after six months? Thank you."

Representative Mizuno rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in support. I just wanted to address some of the very good questions that several members have brought up. Again, I'm going to repeat what I said first. The ohana zones, the entire rationale behind this is, number one, stability, to get our homeless stable. Number two, it's to have them given a chance to heal, to allow them to heal. Third, it's going to allow them to become self-sufficient.

"So when we talk about workforce development, that's included in wraparound services for the ohana zones. When we talk about the medical teams that are going out to help these homeless, they're called navigators, they already are in practice. In fact, Queens has a great program where their ER physicians voluntarily do this with nurses and social workers. There are teams, outreach teams, that are actually getting to our homeless. This is going to be easier for the teams to engage the homeless in a homeless zone, because it's already at a site.

"So there are a lot of good questions, and I anticipate that after a year or so, we'll be able to show the results. And I too am hopeful that the robust bills that we've put in place will actually provide great results for our homeless. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative San Buenaventura rose to respond, stating:

"Second time. Again, I stand in strong support. I'd like to point out that the Big Island has shown that it has worked there. We had, at the last homeless point-in-time count, we had the largest drop of all the other counties. I believe it was a 39% drop. And at that time, we had Camp Kikaha, we had an excellent homeless coordinator of Lance Niimi. The problem is we didn't get the money fast enough. We lost our homeless coordinator, we closed Camp Kikaha. We're hoping that with the monies, hopefully it comes out now, we would be able to have the kind of wraparound services that was necessary, and we hope that we can restart it again.

"One more thing I'd like to point out, and Twinkle Borges did a wonderful job at Waianae, but what we'll need to point out, it's not only the cost of the wraparound services, but the amount of security, the cost of security. The homeless is the most criminally vulnerable of all peoples. The security costs at Camp Kikaha was high, as well as the social working cost. And I'm really glad we finally got the monies. Thank you."

Representative Luke rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you. Again, still in support. I just wanted to clarify two things. The ohana zone concept in this bill, which is different from the previous version, this allows for flexibility for operations in addition to brick and mortar. Because in Kauai, they are already ready to go, in working with the community groups, including the churches. I don't think it's a good concept that we create permanent housing using the shelter-type of model, because things for homeless community should never be really about permanent shelters in these shacks. The true goal for us is to allow some of the homeless population, who is the working poor, to transition into permanent housing. So it is not a good solution for us to say, lets give somebody tons of billions of dollars to make them permanent housing in these shacks. That's not the right approach.

"The second thing is relating to workforce development. That's why we passed two bills today, Senate Bill 2653, which the Department of Health believes this is going to be the workforce development to add more physicians and doctors to address this issue. The second thing that we did was the preceptor bill. So, it is a comprehensive approach, and we encourage members to look at other bills and see how they're all connected. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Say voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178-18 and H.B. No. 2651, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2651, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WIRELESS BROADBAND FACILITIES.," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183-18 and S.B. No. 3077, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3077, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOFUELS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takumi being excused.

At 2:51 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1986, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2740, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2742, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1895, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2729, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2854, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2651, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3077, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

At 2:51 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:58 o'clock p.m.

LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introduction was made to the Members of the House:

Representative Belatti introduced her husband, Michael Belatti.

FINAL READING

Representative Belatti moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Onishi and Takumi were excused.)

H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, (SD 1)

The Chair addressed the Clerk who announced that the record of votes for the appropriate measures had been received which indicated that the requisite number of House conferees appointed had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate, and had cast affirmative votes to report said measures to the floor for final disposition.

H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 3 (Nishimoto, San Buenaventura and Thielen). Noes, none. Excused, none.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, SD 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 4 (Nishimoto, Cullen, Quinlan and Thielen). Noes, none. Excused, none.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, SD 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 4 (Takumi, Cullen, Ichiyama and McDermott). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Ohno rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Ohno voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Choy, Har and Tokioka voting no, and with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, SD 2:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 2 (Aquino and Takumi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (McDermott).

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, SD 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 3 (Aquino, Takumi and Cullen). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (McDermott).

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR VESSELS ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

At 3:00 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, SD 1

END OF CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Could you please refer to page 26, this is the measure that was deferred to end of calendar, CCR No. 159-18, S.B. No. 3058, CD 1, this measure will be deferred one legislative day."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-18 and S.B. No. 3058, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Please note that the Chair has discharged the House conferees previously appointed to the following measures. House Bill No. 1934, HD 1, SD 2, House Bill No. 2108, HD 1, SD 1, and House Bill No. 2110, HD 2, SD 2. The House will now proceed to reconsider its disagreement to the Senate amendments to certain House bills including the aforementioned measures."

At 3:01 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 3:02 o'clock p.m.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representatives Onishi and Takumi were excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Belatti moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Onishi and Takumi were excused.)

H.B. No. 1934, HD 1, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 2005, HD 1, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 2108, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2110, HD 2, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 2175, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2349, HD 1, (SD 2)

DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK

Representative Belatti moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Concurrent Resolutions, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Onishi and Takumi were excused.)

H.C.R. No. 75, (SD 1)
H.C.R. No. 123, (SD 1)
H.C.R. No. 130, (SD 1)

H.C.R. No. 75, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 75, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE AGENCIES TO COLLABORATE WITH FARMERS, OTHER LANDOWNERS, AND

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF INVASIVE ANIMALS ON KAUALI," was Adopted, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.C.R. No. 123, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 123, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD REDUCE ENERGY COSTS FOR ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES," was Adopted, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

H.C.R. No. 130, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 130, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE AGENCIES TO EVALUATE, COLLABORATE, AND IMPLEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS VESSEL BIOFOULING IN HAWAII HARBORS," was Adopted, with Representatives Onishi and Takumi being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative LoPresti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three brief announcements. First, of course, it's May Day, International Labor Day, and I just wanted to say that labor creates all wealth, and so, Happy Labor Day.

"Secondly, it's Military Appreciation Month, starting May 1st. In 1999, one of our nations most respected war veterans, POWs and war heroes, Senator John McCain introduced legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month. We are encouraged to honor the sacrifices of current and former members of the US armed forces. There are six observances this month, starting today, with Loyalty Day, followed by Public Service Recognition Week, Victory in Europe Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, and ending with Memorial Day.

"In his upcoming book, Senator McCain writes, 'Before I leave, I'd like to see our politics begin to return to the purposes and practices that distinguish our history from the history of other nations. I'd like to see us recover our sense that we are more alike than different.'

"Mr. Speaker, this month we come together to share support of current and former members of our military, such as Senator McCain, and thank them for preserving what we all have in common, our shared identity of one nation, distinguished from all others.

"And lastly, as a proud Scots-Irish, I'd like to wish everybody a blessed Beltane."

Representative Takayama: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the many Members of the House and their staff who have donated gently used women's clothing to the YWCA for use by women who are repairing their lives, many of whom are former offenders returning to society. My office will continue to accept donations through the close of business on Thursday. So, thank you to those who have donated, and appreciation to those who might consider if you have any more gently used women's clothing, to consider donating them."

Representative Choy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to thank everybody for signing my annual yearbook. Even as I look at it right now, it brings a warm glow to my heart, and I will treasure it forever. Thank you very much."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the majority for the delicious Indian cuisine, and especially after the dust up and the hard time we gave you guys today. Thank you."

Representative Lowen: "Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank the Speaker for the wonderful Israeli cuisine we had for lunch. Thank you."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair has one announcement. The floor session on Thursday will begin at 10:00 a.m."

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:08 o'clock p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Ward and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a.m., Thursday, May 3, 2018. (Representatives Onishi, San Buenaventura and Takumi were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has made the following changes to the conferees on the following measures:

H.B. No. 1934, Discharged all conferees.
HD 1, SD 2

H.B. No. 2108, Discharged all conferees.
HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2110, Discharged all conferees.
HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 10, 2018, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1934, HD 1, SD 2

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 12, 2018, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2005, HD 1, SD 2

H.B. No. 2108, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2110, HD 2, SD 2

H.B. No. 2175, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2349, HD 1, SD 2

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day passed the following bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 634, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 635, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 694, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1401, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1489, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1508, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1520, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1602, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1604, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1614, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1646, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1650, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1652, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1716, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1768, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1770, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1778, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1850, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1852, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1873, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1874, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1876, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1895, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1906, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1916, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1932, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1938, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1958, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1986, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2003, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2010, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2025, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2071, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2075, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2081, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2106, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2131, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2133, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2161, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2169, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2182, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2204, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2208, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2215, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2259, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1
H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2277, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2299, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2305, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2306, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2318, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2328, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2333, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2352, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2353, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2354, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2357, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2362, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2373, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2389, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2418, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2442, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2454, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2455, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2464, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2501, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2538, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2587, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2589, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2607, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2610, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2651, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2684, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2697, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2729, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2742, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 48, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 122, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 134, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 202, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 203, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 270, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 1208, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2013, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2027, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2053, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2087, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2146, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2150, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2153, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2154, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2174, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2180, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
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S.B. No. 2691, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
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S.B. No. 2742, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
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S.B. No. 2831, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
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S.B. No. 2854, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

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S.B. No. 2990, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
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S.B. No. 3000, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
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S.B. No. 3095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2345, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 2596, HD 2, SD 1

House Communication dated May 1, 2018, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and has this day adopted the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 75, SD 1
H.C.R. No. 123, SD 1
H.C.R. No. 130, SD 1