

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

The House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 12:05 p.m., with Vice Speaker Nakashima presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Ms. Colleen Nomura of Moments Unforgettable Performing Arts Academy, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Ward introduced Kahu Curt Kekuna, who will be the speaker for today's fellowship luncheon.

At 12:11 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:57 o'clock p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY**THIRD READING**

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, House Bill 2709, House Draft 1, and House Bill 1902, House Draft 1 will be deferred one legislative day."

H.B. No. 2709, HD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

H.B. No. 1902, HD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representative Representatives Hashem, Ichiyama, and Lowen were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 475-20) recommending that H.B. No. 777, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 777, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDATION TRANSACTION FEES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative McDermott voting no, and with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

Representative Lee, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 680-20) recommending that H.B. No. 2256, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2256, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 681-20) recommending that H.B. No. 2192, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2192, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

H.B. No. 1631:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1631, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

H.B. No. 2500:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2500, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

H.B. No. 2537:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2537, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

THIRD READING**H.B. No. 2200, HD 1:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 2200, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of House Bill 2200, House Draft 1, which is the state budget. But before I begin, I wanted to introduce the Finance staff. We have Nandana Kalupahana, who is not here with us but he's always in the background doing work. We have Albert Vargas, he's the budget chief; Julie Yang, budget supervisor; Riley Fujisaki, the CIP specialist, he also does two or three different sections of the budget; Aldric Ulep; John Kawamura; and we have session staff Benjamin Bartos. In addition to the individuals present, we also have Jacqueline Bersson, Jacob Taddy, and Savannah Adler working very hard. If we could just give them a round of applause for their work.

"Mr. Speaker, my speech today will be very brief. I wanted to just thank the members of the committee. As you know, the budget usually doesn't pass, generally, until after all the various bills are done and we usually pass the budget in the beginning of March. Thanks to the work of the various chairs who have already done a great job last year in trying to get a good handle on the budgets of the various departments, and the members of Finance, we are now able to pass the budget significantly sooner.

"The benefit of passing a budget sooner is we will have more options. Just like last year, what had happened is after we passed the budget, we took a look at some of the areas that needed additional funding or needed to correct certain items. A lot of times when we pass the budget in the last few days of session, we don't have an opportunity to revisit some of these items and have further conversation with the departments.

"So, I think this is kind of a good policy going forward. It's just a lot of work for the members and the staff, but I think it's worth it just to have a

budget that really looks at the needs of the State and have further chance, not just once, but twice, and through the bills many times just to kind of take a look at it again and again. So, we wanted to just thank all the members and I just wanted to keep it at that. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support, brief comment. Mr. Speaker, I have strong support for this budget, but with reservations for the DHHL budget. Presently, it is at \$16,513,000, and it was previously \$18 million. So my plea to the members is, particularly for the Chair of Finance, is that we ideally should go back to what it was, higher, or ideally ideally, to the Castagnetti decision of \$28 million which, Mr. Speaker, just to keep the lights on and keep the employees hired.

"Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the CIP, which generally is probably 10 cents on the dollar that they ask for, if we want to help solve the homeless crisis, the housing crisis, getting more money to build more houses for the Hawaiians is very well taken. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Excuse me Representative, was that with reservations, Representative Ward?"

Representative Ward responded, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I said strong support, but I was with reservations for the DHHL segment of the budget. I nuanced it, I spliced it down to the precision. Thank you."

Representative B. Kobayashi rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in support. For the public record, I would note that on the first page of the committee report, you will see that the general fund request of the Governor was cut by \$272 million, and that the Governor's request for all means of financing were cut by \$540 million, over half a billion dollars. The record should also show that this kind of nine-digit cuts to the Governor's request has been a regular feature of what the Legislature has been doing for the last eight years.

"So, while add-ons are good in the five-digit range, six-digit range, and the seven-digit range, for some of us, the big feature in the budget are these nine-digit cuts that have been regularly occurring over the last eight years. Thank you."

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

Representative Cullen's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 2200, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget.

"I would like to thank the Finance staff for their patience and all their hard work in getting the budget done in a timely manner, as we continue to grow and work through this. As this becomes common practice within the House of Representatives, it creates an environment that will be more accountable to our taxpayers.

"Through the budget, we were able to fund for the health and safety repairs to Aloha Stadium. I am particularly pleased that we were also able to add two new positions for the Teacher Mentor Program for entry-level special education teachers, as well as funding for two additional positions for JROTC instructors at Waipahu High School.

"For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I stand in full support of House Bill 2200, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2200, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen being excused.

At 1:06 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 777, HD 2
H.B. No. 2256, HD 2
H.B. No. 2192, HD 1
H.B. No. 1631
H.B. No. 2500
H.B. No. 2537
H.B. No. 2200, HD 1

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 29 and 30) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 44 and 45) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONVENING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE COHERENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TIMELY ADMISSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AS NON-FORENSIC PATIENTS," was jointly offered by Representatives San Buenaventura, Brower, Cachola, Creagan, Har, Holt, Ichiyama, D. Kobayashi, Lowen, Matayoshi, Mizuno, Morikawa, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Onishi, Quinlan, Takayama, Takumi, Tarnas, Tokioka, Wildberger, Woodson, and McDermott.

H.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE REIMPLEMENTATION OF ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS WHO ARE MEDICAID ENROLLEES," was jointly offered by Representatives San Buenaventura, Cachola, Creagan, Har, Holt, Ichiyama, D. Kobayashi, Matayoshi, Mizuno, Morikawa, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Onishi, Quinlan, Takayama, Takumi, Tarnas, Todd, Tokioka, Wildberger, Woodson, Brower, Lowen, and McDermott.

H.C.R. No. 44, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE COHERENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TIMELY ADMISSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AS NON-FORENSIC PATIENTS," was jointly offered by Representatives San Buenaventura, Brower, Cachola, Creagan, Har, Holt, Ichiyama, D. Kobayashi, Lowen, Matayoshi, Mizuno, Morikawa, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Onishi, Quinlan, Takayama, Takumi, Tarnas, Todd, Tokioka, Wildberger, Woodson, McDermott, and Nakashima.

H.C.R. No. 45, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE REIMPLEMENTATION OF ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS WHO ARE MEDICAID ENROLLEES," was jointly offered by Representatives San Buenaventura, Cachola, Creagan, Har, Holt, Ichiyama, D. Kobayashi, Lowen, Matayoshi, Mizuno, Morikawa, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Onishi, Quinlan, Takayama, Takumi, Tarnas, Todd, Tokioka, Wildberger, Woodson, Brower, and McDermott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>H.B.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
836	Committee on Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:06 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 19, 2020. (Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen were excused.)