

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, convened at 12:01 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representative Har participating remotely via videoconference.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1631) recommending that S.C.R. No. 39, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 39, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO UTILIZE THE DATA RESULTING FROM THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS TO ESTABLISH, IF ALLOWABLE, A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1632) recommending that S.C.R. No. 261, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 261, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PETITION THE HAWAII SUPREME COURT SEEKING RELIEF TO PREVENT ACTION AGAINST THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COMMISSION'S FAILURE TO MEET STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINES RELATING TO THE 2021 REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1633) recommending that S.C.R. No. 166, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 166, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND ATTACHED AGENCIES TO TRAIN THEIR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1634) recommending that S.C.R. No. 59, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 59, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF LEASE REVENUES FROM COMMERCIAL PROPERTY USES TO HOMELAND LOT DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1635) recommending that S.C.R. No. 185, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 185, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT OF 1920, AS AMENDED," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1636) recommending that S.C.R. No. 55, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 55, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR ALLOWING TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING SYSTEMS ON CONSERVATION LANDS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1637) recommending that S.C.R. No. 10 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 10 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Kapela 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.C.R. No. 10, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAALAWAI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Perruso, and Wildberger voting no.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1638) recommending that S.C.R. No. 13 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 13, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAUNALUA, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1639) recommending that S.C.R. No. 113, SD 2 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 113, SD 2, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAPAA, KAWAIIHAU, KAUAI, FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF A TEMPORARY SAND GROIN TO SHELTER KUHIO BEACH FROM NEARSHORE CURRENTS AND SLOW LITTORAL DRIFT," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1640) recommending that S.C.R. No. 11, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 11, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Kapela 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.C.R. No. 11, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIMANALO, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, SEAWALL, AND STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela and Wildberger voting no.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1641) recommending that S.C.R. No. 12 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 12 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Perruso 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.C.R. No. 12, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAMAOLE, KULA, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING RUBBLE ROCK REVETMENT, ROCK WALL, AND TWO CONCRETE STAIRWAYS, AND FOR USE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, AND REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Perruso, and Wildberger voting aye with reservations.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1642) recommending that S.C.R. No. 14 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 14, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1643) recommending that S.C.R. No. 42, as

amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 42, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE COVERING STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT PIER 27, IN HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU, TO ATLANTIS SUBMARINES HAWAII, LLC," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1644) recommending that S.C.R. No. 207 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 207, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND PARKER LAND TRUST," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Onishi, for the Committee on Labor & Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1645) recommending that S.C.R. No. 98, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 98, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote, please. I just wanted to note for the record that, again, I think that this issue of paid family leave has been studied enough and I think it's past time that we act and stop doing studies on the issue. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I just want to note that this is an important measure to continue to advance the discussion of paid family leave, and with the change in circumstances that we face with the changing federal landscape and rules around family leave in that situation, that this is an important piece of work that we need to move forward with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 98, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON PAID FAMILY LEAVE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, LoPresti, and Perruso voting no.

Representative Onishi, for the Committee on Labor & Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1646) recommending that S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RATIFYING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES GIVING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES POWER TO LIMIT, REGULATE, AND PROHIBIT THE LABOR OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1647) recommending that S.C.R. No. 17 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 17 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Perruso 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.C.R. No. 17, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIHOLI-KEOKEA HOMESTEADS, KIHAI, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, ROCK REVETMENT, AND CONCRETE STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Perruso, and Wildberger voting no.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1648) recommending that S.C.R. No. 87 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 87 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

Representative McKelvey 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.C.R. No. 87, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KUAU, HAMAKUAPOKO, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND CONCRETE STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative McKelvey voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Kapela, Perruso, and Wildberger voting no.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1649) recommending that S.C.R. No. 22, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 22, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM WATER LEASE WITH WAI'OLI VALLEY TARO HUI FOR THE HUI'S EXISTING USE OF WATER FROM WAI'OLI STREAM VIA DIRECT NEGOTIATION, UPON COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1650) recommending that H.R. No. 57, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 57, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ACTION MONTH," was adopted.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1651) recommending that H.R. No. 81, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 81, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REGULARLY DRAIN AND CLEAR STREAMS AND CANALS THAT FLOW IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN WAIHOLE, HALEIWA, WAIALUA, KANEOHE, AND OTHER KOOLAULO COMMUNITIES," was adopted.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1652) recommending that S.C.R. No. 66, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 66, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative McDermott 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.C.R. No. 66, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ALL ACTS OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, INTOLERANCE, DISCRIMINATION, HATE CRIME, AND HATE SPEECH AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND ASIAN INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES AND REQUESTING THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ANALYZE AND REPORT ON ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ACTS IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives McDermott and Okimoto voting aye with reservations.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1653) recommending that S.C.R. No. 140, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 140, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative McDermott's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to these measures. First, let me say that I respect the author of this legislation. However, it is totally off the mark. Racism is despicable for sure; pure evil in my view. Which is why this legislation is so off the mark. The people of Hawaii are not evil and our population is quite diverse. Yet this resolution calls on the governor to 'declare that racism is a public health crisis.' I am sure the visitor industry is thrilled with this measure, they can brand a new advertising campaign, 'Come to Hawaii where Racism is a Public Health Crisis.'

"This resolution is totally misguided and slurs our population. It implies that the State of Hawaii is a racist state and that the state government needs to affirm that our collective racism is a public health crisis. The resolution

is creating a fantasy which has no basis in fact. I reject that notion on its face. Hawaii is a modern, mostly metropolitan society where all races live together in harmony. The people of Hawaii are not racist and resist that thought process at every level. Governor Ige agrees with me in part, 'we derive our strength from our diversity,' said Ige, very much echoing what former Governor Abercrombie himself used to say, '...our diversity defines us, not divides us. We embrace diversity. There is more that unites us than divides us.'

"To assert that Hawaii is racist or has a systemically racist government casts aspersions on all the good public servants, both past and present. This is now popular drivel being foisted upon society. We have never heard of this concept before. Hence, there is no systemic racism either. Who are the racists that the author of this resolution assert is the preponderance of our population? Balderdash, if anything our State of Hawaii has taught the world that all ethnicities can live in harmony. We are the gold standard on how to live together with *aloha*.

"We, the people of Hawaii, are not racist, in fact, 'Hawaii is one of the most racially diverse places in the world as there is no majority – everyone is in a minority.' In the 2010 Census, 24% of Hawaii residents claimed multi-ethnic backgrounds (two or more races), far more than any other state in the USA. The second highest is Alaska with 7%. Here in the Aloha State, you will find a 'mixed plate' of ethnic groups; 39% of Hawaii's population is Asian, 25% is White, 10% is Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders, 9% is Hispanic, and 2% is African American, American Indian, and Alaska Native.

"I suggest the problems with healthcare outcomes are based on socio-economic disadvantages along with language and other cultural traditions. For example, I am married to an American Samoan, who is steeped in her cultural tradition. My home, as with many Polynesians and Pacific Islanders, contains multi-generational family members all living under one roof. Moreover, my home currently has 8 immediate family members and it has even been as high as 12, from great-grandmother to great-granddaughter. Could the cultural tradition along with language barriers possibly explain why Pacific Islanders experience a higher rate of COVID-19 transmission? Proper social distancing is simply impossible. To blame the increased rate of COVID-19 transmission on racism is incorrect in my view.

"Other disparities in health outcomes can be easily explained by socio-economic disadvantage and cultural diet – we do love our spam. Racism is a convenient scapegoat. The virus does not discriminate. Living conditions, cultural tradition, and extended family living are the real culprit.

"Our healthcare professionals are heroes in my estimation. They work hard for everyone, all people. To think otherwise is to assume that our medical system is controlled by racists. Who are they? Where are they? Who are these racist doctors? Where are these racist hospitals and clinics? Who are these racist medical Board of Directors – both in the private and public sector? Which race are they favoring? This measure is insulting. I believe the idea has not been provided the appropriate forethought. I question if the measure's content reflects the Aloha Spirit."

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations with a brief comment, please. Mr. Speaker, for decades, study after study after study has indicated that socioeconomic status is the highest correlate that we have in social science. It's correlated with your health, your wellbeing, your self-perception, where you live, what you do. And socioeconomic status is based upon two indicators, and that is your education and your job or your income. Generally speaking, your education determines which job you got and what income you got.

"And because of that, we've got a kind of economic determinism that we don't see, which is not reflected in this reso, it makes it a public health crisis, when in effect it's a socioeconomic crisis, which means we must grow our economy to get out what otherwise professor from the University of Hawaii research office professor, I forgot his name, he's one of the professors who is on the Council on Revenues, who said basically this. We've got a third of our people who are making it in Hawaii and two thirds are on the margin or perhaps in jeopardy, the ALICE families, as they call them, those who are in jeopardy. Which means, Mr. Speaker, as long as we are having the

equivalent of a family that has nine kids, three of them are fed well, another three are on rations, and the other three live on government programs or, in effect, food stamps.

"This is to say that if we want to get out of the inequality business of which this points to, we've got to grow the economy, we just can't keep slicing it in smaller and small pieces. If we're going to lift the people of Hawaii out of any of these disparities and inequalities, we must grow the economy. And I think this misses the mark by going not to the socioeconomic level of which social sciences documented very, very well, but to the point of one of the symptoms of it, of which we've got to get rid of. And I agree with all the whereas, but we've got to grow the economy if we're going to be equally treating all the people of the State of Hawaii. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I think it's a good reso, but with reservations. Thank you."

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

Representative Okimoto's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in opposition to this measure and would like to reference my remarks on Day 40, March 31, 2021, for H.R. No. 90 and H.C.R. No. 112."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 140, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ASSERTING THAT RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND URGING THE STATE TO COMMIT TO RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING THE RESULTING INEQUITIES, AND STUDY AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON ECONOMIC DISPARITIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DETRIMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS OF RACISM," was adopted, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives McDermott and Okimoto voting no.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1654) recommending that S.B. No. 244, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 244, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD DONATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1655) recommending that S.B. No. 329, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 329, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1656) recommending that S.B. No. 1333, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1656 on S.B. No. 1333, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 1333, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1657) recommending that S.B. No. 474, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1657 on S.B. No. 474, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 474, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1658) recommending that S.B. No. 489, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1658 on S.B. No. 489, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 489, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1659) recommending that S.B. No. 1387, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1659 on S.B. No. 1387, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 1387, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1660) recommending that S.B. No. 768, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1660 on S.B. No. 768, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 768, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1661) recommending that S.B. No. 1212, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1661 on S.B. No. 1212, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 1212, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1662) recommending that S.B. No. 696, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1662 on S.B. No. 696, SD 1, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 696, SD 1, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1663) recommending that S.B. No. 697, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1663 on S.B. No. 697, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 697, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1664) recommending that S.B. No. 939, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1664 on S.B. No. 939, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 939, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1665) recommending that S.B. No. 1127, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1665 on S.B. No. 1127, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 1127, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1666) recommending that S.B. No. 855, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1666 on S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1667) recommending that S.B. No. 970, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1667 on S.B. No. 970, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 970, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1668) recommending that S.B. No. 664, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1668 on S.B. No. 664, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 664, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of decision-making on the following measures on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 423, and the Chair "so ordered."

S.C.R. No. 173, SD 1, Requesting the Department of Transportation to Initiate Three Innovative Pilot Projects of Meaningful Scale to Modernize Transportation Infrastructure in Underserved Communities; and

S.C.R. No. 239, Urging the Department of Transportation to Increase the Use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement to Repave, Reconstruct, and Preserve State Streets, Roads, and Highways and Explore Use of Other Products Using Reclaimed Asphalt.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair has one announcement to make. Just a reminder to chairs and vice chairs that today is the first lateral filing deadline for Senate concurrent resolutions that need to move to their final committees. Please file your committee reports and drafts with the Chief Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. this evening."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, April 8, 2021.