

## FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, convened at 10:05 a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Gene Ward, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representative Har participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representative McDermott, who was excused.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the Fortieth, Forty-First, Forty-Second, Forty-Third, Forty-Fourth, Forty-Fifth, Forty-Sixth, Forty-Seventh, Forty-Eighth, Forty-Ninth, and Fiftieth Days were approved. (Representative McDermott was excused.)

#### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 10) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 10, dated April 27, 2021, informing the Legislature of the transfer of \$3,500,000 in general funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Transportation to facilitate property storage and debris removal services on state lands affected by homeless encampments.

#### SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 857 through 861) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 857, dated April 27, 2021, informing the House that the following bill has this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 200, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 858, dated April 27, 2021, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 53, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 54, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 58, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 73, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 79, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 80, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 103, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 119, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 177, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 185, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 204, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 237, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1  
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 S.B. No. 1421, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 859, dated April 27, 2021, informing the House that the Senate has on April 23, 2021 reconsidered its action taken on April 15, 2021 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 506, SD 2, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 860, dated April 27, 2021, informing the House that the Senate has on April 23, 2021 reconsidered its action taken on April 19, 2021 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House, has moved to agree, and has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

S.C.R. No. 165, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 861, dated April 27, 2021, informing the House that the Senate has on April 23, 2021 reconsidered its action taken on April 20, 2021 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House, has moved to agree, and has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 102, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 189, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 191, HD 1

#### DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 358 through 386, and 390 through 439) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 358, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated February 23, 2021, transmitting Resolution No. 21-22, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on February 19, 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 359, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated February 23, 2021, transmitting Resolution No. 21-23, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on February 19, 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 360, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated February 23, 2021, transmitting Resolution No. 21-24, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on February 19, 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 361, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated March 8, 2021, transmitting Resolution No. 21-31, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on March 5, 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 362, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated April 7, 2021, transmitting Resolution No. 21-65, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on April 6, 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 363, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated January 28, 2021, transmitting the State of Hawaii Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020, pursuant to Section 40-5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 364, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 19, 2021, transmitting Report No. 21-02, 2020 Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 365, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 19, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation 2020 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 201H-21, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 366, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 14, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Information Technology Strategic Plan (2021 Update), pursuant to Section 27-43, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 367, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated January 19, 2021, transmitting the December 2020 Report on Coronavirus

Relief Fund – Allocations and Expenditures, pursuant to Acts 8 and 9, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 368, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 20, 2021, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report November 24, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 369, from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, dated January 20, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Gorse Task Force Report, pursuant to S.R. No. 69, SD 1 (2020).

Dept. Com. No. 370, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 20, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for Reporting Period December 1 – 31, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 371, from the Elections Commission, dated January 21, 2021, transmitting the Elections Commission's Biennial Evaluation of Elections Operation, pursuant to Section 11-8.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 372, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 20, 2021, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for the period of December 1 – 31, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 373, from the University of Hawaii System, dated January 20, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 374, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 26, 2021, transmitting the Financial Audit of the State Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 375, from the Department of Health, dated January 22, 2021, transmitting the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee Annual Report on the Issues Related to Leaks of Field Constructed Underground Storage Tanks at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and Four Other Department of Defense Facilities, pursuant to Section 342L-61, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 376, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 27, 2021, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 377, from the University of Hawaii System, dated January 27, 2021, transmitting the RCUH 2020 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 304A-3007, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 378, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 16, 2021, transmitting the report of the HHFDC Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program, pursuant to Act 9, SLH 2020, as modified by Governor's Executive Order No. 20-08.

Dept. Com. No. 379, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 28, 2021, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 380, from the University of Hawaii System, dated January 26, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 381, from the Maui Police Department, dated January 28, 2021, transmitting the report on possession and use of electric guns, pursuant to Section 134-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 382, from the Maui Police Department, dated January 28, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Legislature Disciplinary Report, pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 383, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 29, 2021, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 384, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated January 29, 2021, transmitting the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts 2020 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 9-3(8), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 385, from the Honolulu Police Department, dated January 29, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Legislative Disciplinary Report, pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 386, from the Public Utilities Commission, dated January 29, 2021, transmitting the Public Utilities Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to Sections 269-5 and 269-33(c), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 1, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status Report December 22, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 3, 2021, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Health's Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 3, 2021, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Stadium Authority, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 4, 2021, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Health's Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 4, 2021, transmitting the Business Development & Support Division December 2020 report on State of Hawaii Offices in Beijing and Taipei, pursuant to Section 201-84, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated February 8, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Department of Business, Economic Development, & Tourism Annual Report, pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999 and Section 201-10, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Kauai Police Department, dated January 7, 2021, transmitting the report on possession and use of electric guns, pursuant to Section 134-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Kauai Police Department, dated January 16, 2021, transmitting the Disciplinary Report for 2020, pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 398, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 8, 2021, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report December 23, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 399, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 8, 2021, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for the period of January 1 – 31, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 400, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 5, 2021, transmitting the DOE FMS Modernization Project IV&V Monthly Status Report – Final for Reporting Period November 16 – December 15, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 401, from the Elections Commission, dated February 10, 2021, transmitting the report, Elections Commission's Supplemental Biennial Evaluation of Elections Operation, pursuant to Section 11-8.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 402, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 12, 2021, transmitting Report No. 21-03, Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Health, pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 403, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, dated February 16, 2021, transmitting the report, Relating to the Game

Management Advisory Commission Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to Section 183D-4.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 404, from the Department of Health, dated February 9, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Environmental Council of the State of Hawaii Survey Findings, pursuant to Section 341-6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 405, from the University of Hawaii System, dated February 16, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 406, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated February 16, 2021, transmitting the January 2021 Report on Coronavirus Relief Fund – Allocations and Expenditures, pursuant to Acts 8 and 9, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 407, from the Department of Education, dated February 19, 2021, transmitting the Quarterly Report on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Applied Behavior Analysis, pursuant to Section 465D, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 408, from the Department of Health, dated February 22, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report that Outlines the Status of the Civil Monetary Penalty Special Fund, Including the Amount of Moneys Deposited into and Expended from the Fund, and Sources of Receipts and Uses of Expenditures, pursuant to Section 321-30.2, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the Department of Health, dated February 22, 2021, transmitting the report of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Technical Assistance Team, A Reassessment of Emergency Medical Services, October 14 – 18, 2019, pursuant to Act 60, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the Department of Human Services, dated February 22, 2021, transmitting the Report on the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund, pursuant to Section 346-57.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated December 31, 2020, transmitting the Hawaii State Fire Council's report, Current Status of the Reduced Propensity Ignition Cigarette Program in Hawaii, pursuant to Section 132C-3(e), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 412, from the Department of Human Services, dated February 22, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report of the Hawaii Youth Commission, pursuant to Section 352D-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 413, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated February 23, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Report of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, pursuant to Section 26-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 414, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated February 17, 2021, transmitting the HHFDC Aloha Homes Implementation Study, pursuant to Act 167, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 415, from the University of Hawaii System, dated February 23, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 416, from the Department of Transportation, dated February 1, 2021, transmitting the Transfer of Operating Funds Report and Transfer of Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Sections 23 and 24, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 417, from the University of Hawaii System, dated March 1, 2021, transmitting the Report of Projects Funded Through Revenue Bonds, pursuant to Act 184, SLH 2018.

Dept. Com. No. 418, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 3, 2021, transmitting Report No. 21-04, Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2021, pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 419, from the University of Hawaii System, dated March 2, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 420, from the Hawaii State Energy Office, dated March 5, 2021, reporting on the establishment of a position within the Hawaii State Energy Office, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 421, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 1, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status Report January 26, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 422, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 1, 2021, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report January 26, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 423, from the University of Hawaii System, dated March 8, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 424, from the Department of Transportation, dated March 9, 2021, transmitting the Transfer of Operating Funds Report and Transfer of Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Sections 23 and 24, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 425, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated March 12, 2021, transmitting the February 2021 Report on Coronavirus Relief Fund – Allocations and Expenditures, pursuant to Acts 8 and 9, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 426, from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, dated March 18, 2021, transmitting its 2020 Annual Report.

Dept. Com. No. 427, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 18, 2021, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Administration Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 428, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 18, 2021, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 429, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated March 19, 2021, transmitting the 2020 Listing of Opinions Issued by the Attorney General, stating that no opinions were issued in 2020, pursuant to Section 28-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 430, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 22, 2021, transmitting Report No. 21-05, Follow-Up on Recommendations from Report No. 18-01, *Audit of the Hawaii State Energy Office*, pursuant to Sections 23-4(b) and 23-7.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 431, from the University of Hawaii System, dated March 23, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 432, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 5, 2021, transmitting the DOE FMS Modernization Project IV&V Monthly Status Report – Final for Reporting Period November 16 – December 15, 2020, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 433, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 23, 2021, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for the period of February 1 – 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 434, from the University of Hawaii System, dated March 30, 2021, transmitting a Positions Report, pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 435, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 31, 2021, transmitting Report No. 21-06, Review of Income and Financial Institutions Tax Credits, pursuant to Section 23-92, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 436, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 30, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for Reporting Period January 1 – 31, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 437, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 30, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for Reporting Period February 1 – 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 438, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 30, 2021, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report February 23, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 439, from the Department of Human Services, dated March 31, 2021, transmitting the Report Regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families & Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families Programs, pursuant to Section 346-51.5, HRS.

### JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following judiciary communications (Jud. Com. Nos. 36 through 46) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 36, dated January 19, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii State Judiciary 2020 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 601-2(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 37, dated January 29, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending January 29, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 38, dated February 5, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending February 5, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 39, dated February 12, 2020, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending February 12, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 40, dated February 19, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending February 19, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 41, dated February 22, 2021, transmitting the report relating to wire, oral, or electronic communications and reports concerning pen registers and trap and trace devices for the calendar year 2020, pursuant to Section 803-47(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 42, dated March 5, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending March 5, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 43, dated February 26, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending February 26, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 44, dated March 12, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending March 12, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 45, dated March 25, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending March 19, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 46, dated March 29, 2021, transmitting a report regarding the 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, and 5th Circuit inmates who were released pursuant to Hawaii Supreme Court orders entered in SCPW-20-

0000200 and SCPW-20-0000213 for the week ending March 26, 2021, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

At 10:13 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

### ORDER OF THE 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 Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representative McDermott was excused.)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 and H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Standing in support. Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to be here today to talk on this measure. When you assigned me as the chair of this committee, I met with the Chair of Finance and we went over specific issues on what we would like to accomplish. After leaving her office, Mr. Speaker, I was like, my gosh, this is what she wants delivered this year? But I'm happy to say we're able to deliver this measure before you, which will transfer the Oahu EMS system to the County of Honolulu.

"Mr. Speaker, this transfer was worked in negotiations with the Mayor's Office as well as council members in the City & County of Honolulu. Mr. Speaker, we were able to solicit the support not only of the Governor's Office, but as well as my colleagues across in the Senate Chamber, specifically Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, who sat across from me and also worked diligently on bringing everybody to the table.

"Mr. Speaker, the measure before you, which has been tried before, has all these stakeholders in support. Mr. Speaker, when I was volunteering to give vaccinations to our first responders, all those EMS personnel, while they waited in line, I would ask them what their position would be on this new opportunity. And all of them said they are looking forward to now working together as a first responder team on equal footing, as EMS with fire and with HPD.

"So, Mr. Speaker, I took that charge, and with the support of your Finance Chair, and I appreciate her standing with me during the process, we began negotiations. So, Mr. Speaker, what you have before you today is a multimillion-dollar process in which we will transform the EMS system throughout the County of Honolulu. Mr. Speaker, this will not only address future governmental spending, but it will also retransform and give our paramedics more options, not only professionally, but also fiscally.

"So, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my committee and my co-chairs that supported, like the Chair of Finance, which I appreciate your leadership, the Chair of Labor & Tourism, and others, I am very proud today to offer this measure before you for approval. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I would like to thank the Health Chair for his work on this bill that has been an issue for many, many years, and in spite of the pandemic year and us having to deal with many of the COVID issues, it is pretty historic that we are able to pass this bill today. So, my heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Health Chair and also the Senate Health Chair.

"The issue with EMS over the years has been that every community needs additional ambulance services, but because of the statewide system, there is a priority ranking that comes into play. So if, for instance, Kapolei or the Leeward side need an additional ambulance, that doesn't come into play until we look at the need for the rest of the state. So, many times you wonder, hey

you know what, our area could use another ambulance, but unless it rises to the top of the priority list, many of the counties are not within their power to implement and fund their ambulance unit. And over time as we struggle to look at, okay, who's next in line to receive a new ambulance, it has been a struggle. And so, what this does is, it's a pilot project for all the counties to set their own destiny and how they can use ambulance services and best serve the needs of their community.

"Some might wonder, okay, will this be a revenue loss for the City & County of Honolulu? Actually, it's not. The amount that the State of Hawaii provides City & County of Honolulu is around \$49 million a year. Because of the formula that was devised by the Chair of Health working with the Senate Chair of Health and the department and the city, over the next four years it's only about a \$3 million revenue loss, but that can be supplanted and supported by the type of bills that we have passed just in the last couple of years.

"So, for instance, State of Hawaii is one of the western states that charges the least amount of money for ambulance services. Other states charge for ambulance services at a much higher rate, which is paid by either Medicaid, Medicare, or health insurance. So, in our system, the state and the taxpayers are pretty much paying for many of the ambulance services, where it could be spread out among the healthcare providers and the services that we're already providing.

"The other thing that the state has done is, in the past we could only charge for the use of ambulance if it was from your home or destination to an ER. Just in the last few months, thanks to the work of the current Health chair and the prior Health chair, who is now the Vice Speaker, and also prior, prior Health chair, who is now the Majority Leader, so you can see how long this has been an issue, they have reformed the ambulance services so that we not only have the ability to charge when an individual goes to an ER, we can now charge to bring homeless individuals as opposed to going to ER, we can charge them when they go to a clinic, we can charge if they're going to other type of doctor offices. That's very critical, because it's not charging them, it's charging Medicaid, it's charging Medicare, and we're having lost opportunity by not doing that.

"So, this is actually a really terrific bill. It will help the City & County of Honolulu to better manage and evaluate their ambulance services and provide effective service for their residents. And we hope that we will continue to have those discussions with the other counties as well. Thank you very much."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative McDermott being excused.

#### **H.B. No. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in strong support, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Chair of the House Education Committee and the Chair of the House Finance Committee for their incredibly hard work to make this measure possible. COVID-19 took a very heavy toll on Hawaii's education system and Hawaii's public school system. When the year began, the economic downturn created a projected \$400 million budget cut for public education, leaving thousands of teaching positions in danger of being lost and exposing gross inequality in how our learning resources are being allocated.

"This measure begins to address the educational problems sparked by the financial crisis. To begin, this bill appropriates funding for the teacher shortage differentials for next school year. These modest pay increases for teachers significantly help to resolve the teacher shortages in special education, Hawaiian immersion, and hard-to-fill areas, all of which are massively understaffed in my district and many of ours as well.

"Additionally, the proposal also provides a one-time \$2,200 bonus for all teachers in our state who've worked tirelessly to deliver education to our *keiki* during the pandemic. As we worked to find long-term funding to create

the professional salaries for our classroom leaders, we should embrace every single opportunity to uplift the financial wellbeing of the teacher workforce here in our state.

"This bill also appropriates \$70 million for heat abatement. At the current cost of providing air conditioning for our classrooms of about \$10,000 per classroom or less, this will be enough to finish the job of cooling our schools. That's something that the Legislature began to do when it appropriated \$100 million for air conditioning in 2016, so thank you.

"Finally, this bill contains \$100 million for complex areas and \$20 million for underserved students, which will be spent on programs like trauma informed care and social and emotional wellness. If spent wisely, these funds can allow us to create community schools that elevate our children's academic potential by addressing their exposure to traumatic events and helping them and their families meet their basic needs.

"Passage of this bill will begin to uplift our schools out of this pandemic. It's also a step forward in delivering the future in which every single child here in our state can reach for the stars. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to every single member who made this possible."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. What we tried to do with this proposal is to make sure that we maximize the federal funds that came down. We are greatly appreciative to our congressional delegation, and through this proposal we're able to do a lot of great things, some of which the Vice Chair mentioned.

"I also want to say a special *mahalo* to our Finance Chair. She has been great to work with, she's a great partner, as well as the Education Chair in the Senate and the Ways and Means Chair as well. So, with that, I thank you and I ask for favorable consideration."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, and with Representative McDermott being excused.

At 10:45 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
H.B. No. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 163 through 166) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 163, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RELATING TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE," was offered by Representative Belatti.

Representative Belatti moved that H.R. No. 163 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. I just wanted to say thank you. Two of the most important issues for Ewa Beach are traffic and housing. And when you do a survey for Ewa, what the important issues are is traffic, traffic, traffic, and I really appreciate the resolution. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 163 was adopted, with Representative McDermott being excused.

H.R. No. 164, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' SPECIAL LAND AND DEVELOPMENT FUND, REPORT NO. 19-12, AND AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, REPORT NO. 21-01; TO EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THOSE AUDITS; AND FOR PURPOSES OF IMPROVING THE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF THESE STATE AGENCIES,

THEIR FUNDS, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS," was offered by Representative Belatti.

Representative Belatti moved that H.R. No. 164 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong support. Mr. Speaker, the issue of ADC has plagued us this session and I think that it has been an issue even prior to the publication of the audit and the UHERO report, and I am really grateful for this investigative committee that will look into the financial dealings and the lease arrangements that are currently very opaque. My office staff has spent countless hours doing further investigation into the findings of the audit, and I think that this action is really critical to restore public confidence, if not in the Legislature, at least in the House. So, *mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 164 was adopted, with Representative McDermott being excused.

H.R. No. 165, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE SPEAKER TO PERFORM AND CARRY OUT ANY OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE 2021 AND 2022 REGULAR SESSIONS," was offered by Representative Belatti.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Okimoto and carried, H.R. No. 165 was adopted, with Representative McDermott being excused.

H.R. No. 166, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," was offered by Representative Saiki.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Mizuno and carried, H.R. No. 166 was adopted, with Representative McDermott being excused.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 10:49 a.m., Representative Luke requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

Representative McKelvey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Maui delegation, it is with sadness we would like to request a moment of silence for former colleague Representative Kam Tanaka who passed away earlier. From Lahaina, he graduated Lahaina Luna in 1967 and had a great, illustrious military career before coming back and serving the community.

"He was my opponent. It's for him that I am here, and we became good friends on the campaign trail, which shows that this doesn't have to be a bare-knuckle occupation. And so, during that time he was a good man who stepped up for the community, and so I would just like to recognize him on behalf of the Maui delegation and his family. Thank you."

Speaker Saiki: "We will take a moment of silence at the appropriate time."

Representative Tokioka: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure and I'm sure it's going to happen, but I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of a good friend of ours in the Senate. I've known the Senator from Hana when we got elected on the county council at the same time in 1996. That ages myself because I know some of you in this body weren't even born yet.

"The Senator from Hana and I got to work together on HSAC, NACo, NCSL, and certainly House and Senate bills. And I know he's going to be missed fondly by many of us in here. And I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell him how much I appreciated his work, his work with all of us, his work for Hana, his district, and all of the State of Hawaii. So, thank you very much for this opportunity, Mr. Speaker."

Representative DeCoite: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to take the opportunity to send a huge shout out to Senator English, as he is retiring today from the Senate. He and I have had the opportunity to work side by side, whether we were agreeing or disagreeing, on many issues. He has done a lot for the district and for the County of Maui, as well as the State of Hawaii. While many have found it challenging as he leaves and vacates his seat, I wish him well. I ask that we keep him in our prayers. I think that his announcement of him moving on and to care for his health really brought meaning behind COVID, as many have now stepped up realizing the realization that COVID has a long-term effect.

"I ask that people seriously consider the COVID shot, the vaccine shot, and it has brought much light to many of us. I wish him well. I will continue our friendship alongside as we continue to do the best that we can for Maui County, Maui Nui, and the State of Hawaii. And as we move forward, I will continue to do the best that I can. I have accepted his request to also follow suit and support as best as I can. So, *mahalo*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

Representative Holt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to wish my best to Senator English. Before I was elected, I worked in the Senate for many years. My first job was to follow hearings as a Ways and Means bills analyst, and the Transportation Committee and Senator English was one of my assignments. I learned so much watching him and how he handled himself. And also being one of the few Hawaiian Legislators, always looking up to him and how he dealt with these tough situations. So, he will be sorely missed and *a hui hou*, Senator."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, a note of omission in my invocation today was to call upon all the Nehemiahs to pray for Senator English, because that is a very immediate thing and we wish him well to be back healthy and strong, even though not in the Senate. So, Nehemiahs, please pray for Senator English. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Onishi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to make a shout out to Senator English. More recently, I was working with him as the House representative on the FestPAC committee, and we had some very trying times when I got on the committee, and Senator English's leadership and support really allowed us to be prepared, prior to the pandemic, for hosting FestPAC in Hawaii. It was really important for me and for him, I think, to show that the Legislature's leadership in organizing a multinational event in Hawaii was possible, and he did a great job and I appreciate all the work that he did. Thank you."

Representative Ilagan: "Mr. Speaker, I just want to say, I know there's a lot of bad news, but I just want to share with you some good news. Yesterday the Representative of Kailua celebrated his birthday and I want to wish him a very happy, happy birthday, and many blessings going into the interim. So, Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask this body for a round of applause for him."

Representative Yamane: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be remiss if I didn't want to wish *a hui hou* to Senator English. You guys all brought up great stories, but I had to sit across him as Trans Chair, and I think I'm still healing from those years battling him with the Senate to get the House position. But one of the great things, as we work through those times, is the friendship, bonds, and trust that you gain working with the members across the aisle as well as the other chamber. And I want you to know that over the years we've learned to be good friends, and I wanted to wish him all the best. And to remind the members, when we fight for bills, we fight on the issues, but we all can come together as friends after. So, thank you."

Representative Belatti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to add on your behalf and on my behalf as having sat across and in counterparts to Senator English, that we also wish the best to him as he continues on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tam: "I just want to take this moment to thank my staff for coming on as my staff for my very first session. Their names are Maigee Chang, Flora Samis. I had a staffer who worked for me for three months and then he found a new job so congratulations to him, his name is Adam Babica. I would like their names inserted into the Journal, too. Thank you."

At 10:57 a.m., Representative Luke requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

The Chair then recognized Representative Belatti, the Majority Leader, to deliver closing remarks on behalf of the Majority Caucus:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In preparing my remarks today, I found myself focusing on gratitude. Gratitude for all the hard-working staff members in this building and in our offices who came along with us on this shortened 55-day roller coaster ride of a legislative session during a global pandemic. I cannot thank enough the staff in our legislative offices who stood up a virtual, remote testimony system that allowed residents from across our island chain to participate in the democratic process.

"I cannot thank enough the Sergeant-at-Arms staff who have kept our environments healthy and safe so that we could carry on the essential business of governing and crafting laws and policies to carry us through this pandemic. I cannot thank enough the drafting agencies who worked tirelessly to help us write over 3,000 bills, of which a little over 200 will now reach the Governor's desk.

"I cannot thank enough each of our own legislative permanent and session staff members in our offices who have pulled late nights, learned to work remotely, came back earlier than other businesses in January and February, and dealt with all 51 of our idiosyncrasies and egos to do the work needed for Hawaii. Members, if you'd like to, please, can we rise for a standing ovation for the members of our staff offices, for the Sergeant-at-Arms, and for our individual offices for all the work they have done for the people of Hawaii. Thank you, members.

"Now, we all know that the House has been laser focused on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in our community, both people and small businesses. Through our funding and budget bills, we early on shored up our unemployment system so that businesses would not have to lay off workers or shutter their doors. We have provided for those who receive and rely on general assistance, Medicaid, and SNAP food benefits. We have ensured that services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence are not cut or reduced. And we are maintaining those programs that provide homeless services and needed re-housing and rent assistance.

"If that is all that we did, that would have been enough. But real leadership tackles difficult problems and comes up with solutions that have meaningful impacts. Because of this House, we have tackled structural and regulatory reform that achieves meaningful change and will improve people's lives. Through the transfer of Oahu's HHSC Leahi Hospital and Maluhia facilities, we have ensured that there will be a stronger continuum of care for those with serious behavioral health needs and substance abuse problems across the state, as well as ensured that there are more long-term care services and beds for our *kūpuna*.

"Through the reform of the Hawaii Tourism Agency, we will now have an agency that answers more to our residents, who are demanding sustainable managed tourism. By reducing HTA's budget from \$79 to \$60 million, we are ensuring more accountability and transparency to their work. By transferring the research arm of the HTA to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, no longer will HTA simply be the spending and marketing arm of the tourism industry. Instead, we will now have two agencies that are more responsive to the needs and concerns of Hawaii's residents.

"Finally, not only have we reinvested in Hawaii's antiquated unemployment insurance computer system to upgrade and modernize its processes, we have continued to maintain, throughout this pandemic, the maximum state benefits for those unemployed that is the seventh highest weekly benefit in the nation.

"In addition to these bills resolving decades-long problems and in wrapping up my remarks, I found myself thinking about these last two questions yesterday. What will Hawaii look like 50 years from now because of the government reform and restructuring bills we passed in this legislative session? How will our lives be different because of the policy decisions we made in 2021?

"My hope, Mr. Speaker, is that we will see some of the following.

"Healthy *keiki* in our public schools who have had access to early learning opportunities with high quality teachers, in schools that offer pathways to early college and high-paying jobs in diverse industries such as health care, creative media, science, technology, and yes, even aerospace development and astronomy.

"More local residents living in homes within their reach because of the buildout of affordable homeownership housing projects funded by Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation and by the levels of investment we have made into the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

"People driving more electric vehicles because there is an entire network of electric vehicle charging systems throughout our communities, in residential condominiums, shopping centers, hotels, and in all places of business.

"Communities connected by broadband infrastructure that crisscrosses our island state.

"State parks and trails that are managed sustainably through the dynamic tools we are providing this session to our agencies responsible for natural resource management.

"A vibrant and robust farming community that supplies fresh locally grown fruits, vegetables, and proteins to feed our public school students and low-income working families.

"Pasturelands free from two-lined spittle bugs, flourishing local forests free from Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death, and healthy reef ecosystems free from invasive algae and full of healthy sea urchins and managed fisheries.

"Finally, we will have runaway homeless youth who are able to find a helping hand, a friendly face, and a safe place to lay down for a night in a homeless shelter that welcomes them while there is a social safety system that helps them get back on track with their lives.

"This is what we have done this session, members, during a global pandemic. I say this is what I hope to see in 50 years, because all of this, from now to 50 years from now, will require us to do work, to continue to do work during the interim in the next year and the years ahead. Mr. Speaker, your House stands ready to do that work. Thank you."

The Chair then recognized Representative Okimoto, the Minority Leader, to deliver closing remarks on behalf of the Minority Caucus:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *He po 'i na kai uli, kai ko 'o, a 'ohe hina pūko 'a*. Though the sea be deep and rough, the coral rock remains standing. Said of one who remains calm in the face of difficulty. There were many challenges this session, but through it all this body remained calm and stalwart in its duties to the state.

"Friends and colleagues, nearly two years ago, I sat on this House Floor with many of you as a freshman legislator who had just completed her first session in office. When I look back on that freshman legislator, I realize just how much I have learned and grown. While no one is probably more surprised to see me standing here giving this speech than I am, I truly am grateful for all who have helped me navigate through this political world on both sides of the aisle.

"When I thought about what I wanted to impart on this body today, the prevalent thought that came to my mind was, we are better united than divided. The easy route in life will always be to find reasons to be divided. However, I firmly believe that despite our partisan labels, factions, and policy disagreements we have with one another, our shared love for Hawaii continues to guide us and bring us together to find the best solutions for the people we represent.

"COVID has shown how fragile life can be. As we see on the mainland, there is a growing tidal wave of division swelling. Rhetoric that seeks to separate us rather than unite us. A rhetoric that our men and women in uniform are separate from our communities instead of an integral part of it. A rhetoric that makes us more pessimistic than optimistic. Mr. Speaker, I'm confident that this pursuit of division will not reach our state, our shores, because this is Hawaii.

"We have something that many other states do not, our love and support of our sense of community. While others draw lines in the sand, we sow seeds of *aloha* and break bread with our neighbors. We cherish and protect the teachings of our *kūpuna* and pass them on to our *keiki*, and we grow stronger for it, the Aloha Spirit grows stronger for it, and we can be the standard of unity and the example for the rest of our brothers and sisters.

"Although this session is coming to a close, our work in our communities is just the beginning. Some of our children are still being left out of classrooms, families are still looking for work, and our businesses are still fighting their way out of financial hardships that have shuttered so many doors. While the path to recovery may sound daunting, there is hope, because this body stands united to a common cause.

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to thank my colleagues in the Minority Caucus and their staff. Representatives Matsumoto and McDermott, who despite having experienced devastating losses in your families, continue to show up and represent your communities to the best of your abilities. I have the utmost respect for your selflessness and courage. And to Representative Ward, who has worked tirelessly for his district for over 20 years, thank you for your commitment to this body.

"Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader Belatti, and all of my fellow friends across the aisle, thank you for the talk story sessions, sound advice, the solicited and unsolicited ones, and belief in me as a new leader. I would also like to thank the IT team for helping to facilitate our constitutional obligations to convene during a pandemic. And to staff, Sergeants, and DAGS for working hard for ensuring a safe and healthy workplace. The Chief Clerk's Office for taking on a myriad of roles to allow for a seamless legislative process. Thank you also to HMIR for working tirelessly to help the Minority Caucus.

"And last but definitely not least, thank you to my family and my office *'ohana*, Eric, Jame, Kao, Jacqueline, and Eunice, who have worked diligently and selflessly to ensure that I can be the best legislator possible. You have shown me how working as a team, we can accomplish nearly anything. I would not be the legislator and leader I am today without the love and support of my family and my staff.

"To close, Mr. Speaker, 20 years from now when I look back on this session, I believe I will see this as one of the most challenging and rewarding chapters of my life. With each great form of adversity came great lessons and a perseverance to further overcome the challenges ahead. Just as the phoenix rises from the ashes, Mr. Speaker, we too will rise from the challenges COVID-19 has put before us. *Mahalo*."

Speaker Saiki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"The Chair has some brief closing remarks as well. First, the Chair would like to reiterate the acknowledgments to all of our staff who have worked throughout this pandemic to get us to this day. So, thank you to the Legislative Reference Bureau, our research offices, all of our individual staff members, the Printshop, the IT office, our maintenance crew, the Chief Clerk's Office, and the Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you for all of your work.

"Members, when we opened our session 101 days ago on January 20, no one knew what to expect. We were still at the height of the pandemic and we had just experienced the riot at the United States Capitol. The public was uncertain and so were we. But the House rolled up its sleeves, focused in, and achieved major results that will help our residents, our environment, and our economy.

"We began this session by identifying three priorities. First, stabilizing our state finances. Second, strengthening our public health infrastructure. And third, reopening our economy safely and incrementally. Underlying all of this was our resolve that the health and safety of our residents was and continues to be our top priority.

"So, let's take a step back and look at what has happened over the past 100 days since our Opening Day. Thanks to the Federal Rescue Act, we have restored funding for children, families, and *kūpuna*.

"We have strengthened our public health infrastructure through screening, testing, and contact tracing. And just remember that on January 20 there were on average 108 COVID cases per day, and that average is now down to 77 cases.

"The House also took the lead to increase vaccinations. On January 20, 20,477 people had received two vaccine doses. Today, the count is up to 524,000 people, that is half a million people since we began our regular session.

"We are also meeting our promise to have visitors pay their fair share, because they use our natural resources and infrastructure just like everyone else. On January 20, we had 6,259 out-of-state arrivals. Two days ago, we received 14,639 arrivals in one day.

"As you know, the past year-and-a-half have been the most brutal in history for the Legislature, but I have never seen the House so focused and worked so hard before. Everyone made a contribution, everyone made a difference, everyone represented their constituents admirably.

"In this pandemic session, the House led the way to achieve some very significant results. University scholarships for special education students, a 100% emission free state vehicle fleet, sea level rise adaptation, Forest Stewardship program, EV charging stations, nonprofit affordable housing loans, Green Job Youth Corps, Broadband Infrastructure Grant program, state park fees, Environmental Advisory Council, \$2.38 million dollars for sex assault treatment services, \$2.3 million for family planning services, \$4.6 million for HIV services, \$875,000 for Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death prevention, \$720,000 for Iolani Palace, \$2.6 million for the Early College program.

"And we also provided direct financial support for families in need. \$5.4 million to restore general assistance, \$14.3 million for homeless programs, Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, and homeless outreach services, \$31 million for child care services, free emergency shelters for minors, mediation services for renters who face eviction, minimum wage for disabled workers, food donations, \$2.4 million for the Hawaii Keiki program, \$1.5 million for Kupuna Care, and predatory payday loan reform.

"So, there are a lot more accomplishments that this Legislature achieved, that the House achieved. Do not let anyone say, do not let anyone say that this was a do-nothing Legislature. Our achievements are significant, and they will help the residents of our state.

"This legislative session was the first of two parts. We are now beginning part two and we will work between now and January 2022 to achieve economic fairness, sustainability, and government reform.

"So again, members, the Chair would like to thank all of you for your leadership and for your work, and please have a productive summer. Thank you very much."

## ADJOURNMENT

Representative Belatti moved that the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Okimoto.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 11:18 a.m., the Speaker rapped his gavel and declared the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, adjourned Sine Die. (Representatives LoPresti and McDermott were excused.)

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 29, 2021, 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. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 862 through 869) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 862, transmitting H.C.R. No. 30, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR POLIHALE STATE PARK ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 863, transmitting H.C.R. No. 47, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PLAN FOR THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO, AND REVITALIZATION OF, HANS L'ORANGE PARK," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 864, transmitting H.C.R. No. 66, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND PARKER RANCH, INC.," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 865, transmitting H.C.R. No. 102, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, IN COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 866, transmitting H.C.R. No. 147, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CONVENED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FLOOD MITIGATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST MANOA ROAD AND OAHU AVENUE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 867, dated April 29, 2021, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 613, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
H.B. No. 1281, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 868, dated April 29, 2021, informing the House that the Senate has on April 27, 2021 reconsidered its action taken on April 19, 2021 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House, has moved to agree, and has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 164, SD 1, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 190, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 869, dated April 29, 2021, informing the House that the Senate has on April 27, 2021 reconsidered its action taken on April 20, 2021 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House, has moved to agree, and has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 26, SD 1, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 219, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 242, SD 1, HD 1

A copy of the following Senate Resolution was received by the Clerk:

S.R. No. 224, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2021.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

The following is a list of all House employees for the 2021 Session:

Representative Aquino: Maureen Andrade, Stacie Gandauli, Jayne Nantkes

Representative Belatti: Najoua Khadrany, Morgan Paynter, Samara Tana, Mia Camp, Daniel Chau, Jay Narimatsu

Representative Branco: Charlotte Farmer, Nicole Oka

Representative Cullen: Shanell Cullen, Jamaica "Mai" Cullen

Representative DeCoite: Rebecca Crall, Richard Oshiro

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Representative Ganaden: Gracieuse Jean-Pierre, Kellie Dinwiddie Kala

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Representative Lowen: Maile Edwards, David Farrell, Brooke Jones

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## OTHER COMMUNICATIONS



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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 17, 2021

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,  
And Members of the Senate  
Thirty-first State Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senate President Kouchi:

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by Article III, Section 5 of the Hawai'i State Constitution and Hawaii Revised Statutes section 17-3, I have appointed Ms. Lynn DeCoite to serve as the Senator from the Seventh Senate District for the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawai'i. Ms. DeCoite's appointment fills the Senate vacancy for the Senate District 7 immediately, for the term to expire November 8, 2022.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

C: Lt. Governor Josh Green  
Speaker Scott K. Saiki



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

June 17, 2021

Speaker Scott Saiki  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Speaker Saiki,

It is my honor to inform you that I have been appointed by Governor David Y. Ige to fill the Senate District 7 seat that became vacant due to the retirement of Senator J. Kalani English on April 30, 2021. Therefore, I am notifying you of my resignation from the Hawaii State House of Representatives, District 13 seat effective today.

It has been a privilege for me to serve in the Hawaii State House of Representative these past 6 years. I am grateful for my colleagues in the House and proud that I was able to work with everyone to bring over \$727,302,550 to District 13 in Capital Improvement Project and Grant-in-Aid funds during my tenure here.

As I crossover to the State Senate I am excited for the new tasks ahead as I strive to do my best to serve the residents and protect the natural resources of East and UpCountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kaho'olawe and Molokini. I remain committed to working with everyone, in both chambers, for the betterment of Maui Nui and the entire State of Hawai'i!

Respectfully with Aloha,

Lynn DeCoite  
House District 13

cc: House Chief Clerk Brian Takeshita