

## SIXTIETH DAY

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, convened at 10:08 a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Sean Quinlan, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representative Marten participating remotely via videoconference.

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

**SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 944 through 947) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 944, dated May 3, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on April 29, 2022 reconsidered its action taken on April 14, 2022 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. 573, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 945, dated May 3, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on April 29, 2022 reconsidered its action taken on April 12, 2022 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. 2359, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 946, dated May 3, 2022, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 137, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
H.B. No. 871, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1  
H.B. No. 956, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1  
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 S.B. No. 3379, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 947, dated May 3, 2022, informing the House that the following bill has this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following departmental communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 280 through 397) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 280, from the Department of Health, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the report, Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, pursuant to Section 340E-33, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 281, from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Annual Audit and Report for FY2021, pursuant to Section 323F-22(a) and (b), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 282, from the Department of Health, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report on Child Death Review and Maternal Mortality Review Activities, pursuant to Act 203, SLH 2016, and Section 321-345.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 283, from the Department of Education, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report on Sustainable Schools Initiative, pursuant to Section 302A-1510, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 284, from the Department of Health, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report on Dental Health Activities, Expenditures, and Recommendations, pursuant to Section 321-63, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 285, from the Department of Health, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report on Recommended Primary Health Care Incentives, Strategies, and Implementation, pursuant to Section 321-1.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 286, from the Department of Education, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report on Non-General Fund Information, pursuant to Section 37-47, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 287, from the Department of Education, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report on Non-General Fund Program Measures, pursuant to Act 87, SLH 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 288, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated March 23, 2022, transmitting the February 2022 report on Coronavirus Relief Fund - Allocations and Expenditures, pursuant to Acts 8 and 9, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 289, from the Department of Education, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report on Non-General Fund Cost Elements, pursuant to Act 87, SLH 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 290, from the Department of Health, dated January 3, 2022, transmitting the report, Systemic Racism, Public Health Crisis, Solutions, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 140, SD 1 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 291, from the Department of Health, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report Medical Cannabis Dispensary Licensing System, pursuant to Act 241, SLH 2015 and Chapter 329D, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 292, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report November 29, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 293, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Hawaii Unemployment Insurance Modernization (HUI Mod) Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for November 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 294, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status & Milestone Report September 30, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 295, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status & Milestone Report October 27, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 296, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the DOE FMS Modernization Project IV&V Monthly Status Report – Final for Reporting Period July 20 – August 15, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 297, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the DOE FMS Modernization Project IV&V Monthly Status Report – Final for Reporting Period July 20 – August 15, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 298, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the report, DOE Aukahi Financial Management System (FMS) Project IV&V Aukahi FMS: Lessons Learned, November 29, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 299, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting Monthly Project Assessment Report – June 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 300, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – July 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 301, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – August 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 302, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – September 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 303, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – October 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 304, from the Department of Health, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Report on Environmental Response Law and Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act Financial and Environmental Site Information FY2021, pursuant to Chapters 128D and 128E, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 305, from the Department of Agriculture, dated January 4, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report on the Transfer of Funds Between the Agriculture Loan Revolving Fund and the Aquaculture Loan Revolving Funds, pursuant to Sections 155-14 and 219-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 306, from the Department of Health, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the Annual Report Relating to Progress in Implementing the Administrative Process Established by this Act, the Department's Utilization of the Administrative Process, and the Department's Utilization of the Assisted Community Treatment Process, pursuant to Act 111, SLH 2017, and Chapter 334, Part VIII, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 307, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the Annual Evaluation of the Hawaii Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, pursuant to Section 383-126.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 308, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission 2020-2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Sections 368-3(7), 368-4(e), and 515-9(a)(6), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 309, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative Report, pursuant to Section 371-21(d), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 310, from the State Public Charter School Commission, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the SPCSC Annual Report 2020-2021, pursuant to Section 302D-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 311, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 6, 2022, transmitting the Financial Audit of the State of Hawaii Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 312, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 6, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 313, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund, pursuant to Section 353C-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 314, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Report of Sexual Assaults in Correctional Facilities, pursuant to Act 194, SLH 2010, and Section 353C-8, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 315, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Report on Mental Health Services for Committed Persons, pursuant to Act 144, SLH 2007.

Dept. Com. No. 316, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the report, Return of Out-of-State Inmates, pursuant to Act 8, SLH 2007.

Dept. Com. No. 317, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Narcotics Enforcement Division 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 329-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 318, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the 2021 Annual Report on the Use and Discharge of Electric Guns, pursuant to Section 134-16(d), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 319, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Report on Cognitive Restructuring, pursuant to Act 193, SLH 2010, and Section 353C-8, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 320, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Report on Criminal Offender Treatment Act, pursuant to Section 353G-13(c), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 321, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Report on Gender Responsive Community Based Programs for Women, pursuant to Section 367D-8, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 322, from the Department of Public Safety, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Reentry Coordination Office Annual Report on Civil Identification Documents, pursuant to Act 56, Section 2, SLH 2017.

Dept. Com. No. 323, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 7, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 324, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated January 7, 2022, transmitting the Revised Annual Report on the Number of Pen Register Orders and Orders for Trap and Trace Devices Applied for by Law Enforcement Agencies of the State, pursuant to Section 803-47(c), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 325, from the Department of Human Resources Development, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting an updated version of the previously submitted vacancy report (Dept. Com. No. 245), pursuant to Act 57, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 326, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 27, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Community-Based Economic Development Technical and Financial Assistance Program FY 2021 Annual & Financial Reports, pursuant to Sections 201-10 and 201D-14, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 327, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the State of Hawaii Offices in Beijing and Taipei December 2021, 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 201-84, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 328, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 27, 2021, transmitting the report, State of Hawaii's Sister-States Business Development & Support Division December 2021, pursuant to Act 150, SLH 2006.

Dept. Com. No. 329, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 30, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Enterprise Zones Program Calendar Year Report for Tax Year 2020, pursuant to Section 209E-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 330, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 28, 2021, transmitting the report on diversifying the Hawaii economy, pursuant to H.C.R. No. 137, HD 1, SD 1 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 331, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Community Development Authority 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 206E-19, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 332, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 29, 2021, transmitting the Stadium Development District 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 206E-226, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 333, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 16, 2021, transmitting the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation 2021 Annual Report, Build Back Together, pursuant to Sections 206M-3.5, 206M-15.1, and 206M-72, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 334, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 27, 2021, transmitting the annual report on the revolving fund's revenues and expenditures for the Financial Services Assistance Program, pursuant to Section 201C-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 335, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, dated January 12, 2022, transmitting the report, Administratively Established Accounts and Funds of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for Fiscal Year 2022, pursuant to Section 37-52.5(a), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 336, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated January 12, 2022, transmitting the Employment and Training Fund Report, pursuant to Section 383-128(h), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 337, from the County of Kauai Police Department, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the Disciplinary Report for 2021, pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 338, from the County of Kauai Police Department, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the report relating to possession and use of electric guns, pursuant to Section 134-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 339, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 19, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 201H-21, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 340, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated January 20, 2022, transmitting the Report on Recommendations for Denial of Claims for Legislative Relief, pursuant to Section 37-77, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 341, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated January 20, 2022, transmitting the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 9-3(8), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 342, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 13, 2022, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for December 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 343, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 21, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for December 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 344, from the Department of Health, dated January 5, 2022, transmitting the Recommendations for Amendments to the Hawaii Revised Statutes to Update Existing Parentage Laws That Reflect Outdated, Cisheteronormative Concepts of Families, Parenthood, and Parental Rights, pursuant to Act 201, SLH 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 345, from the Board of Education, dated January 24, 2022, transmitting the Board of Education annual report on the state's public charter schools, pursuant to Section 302D-21, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 346, from the Public Utilities Commission, dated January 24, 2022, transmitting the Public Utilities Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to Sections 269-5 and 269-33(c), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 347, from the Department of Education, dated January 26, 2022, transmitting the Quarterly Report on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Applied Behavior Analysis, pursuant to Act 205, SLH 2018.

Dept. Com. No. 348, from the Department of Human Services, dated January 24, 2022, transmitting the Report on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families & Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families Programs, pursuant to Section 346-51.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 349, from the County of Hawaii Police Department, dated January 25, 2022, transmitting the amended Legislature Disciplinary Report 2021, pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 350, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 26, 2022, transmitting Report No. 22-01, 2021 Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Education and the Hawaii State Public Library System, pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 351, from the University of Hawaii, dated January 28, 2022, transmitting the Report to Examine and Assess the University of Hawaii's Tenure System, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 201, SD 1, HD 1 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 352, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 25, 2022, transmitting the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority 2020-2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 227D-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 353, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 1, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report December 29, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 354, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 1, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Hawaii Unemployment Insurance Modernization (HUI Mod) Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for December 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 355, from the Department of Health, dated January 30, 2022, transmitting the Report on the Expenditure of all Funds for the Comprehensive Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, pursuant to Section 346-59.2(e), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 356, from the Department of Health, dated December 15, 2021, transmitting the Annual Report Summarizing Yearly Data on Forensic Patients at the Hawaii State Hospital, pursuant to Section 334-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 357, from the University of Hawaii, dated February 4, 2022, transmitting the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 304A-3007, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 358, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated February 4, 2022, transmitting the December 2021 report on Coronavirus Relief Fund - Allocations and Expenditures, pursuant to Acts 8 and 9, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 359, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 4, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for December 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 360, from the Mauna Kea Working Group, dated January 25, 2022, transmitting the Mauna Kea Working Group Report – He Lā Hou Keia Ma Mauna a Wākea: A New Day on Mauna a Wākea, pursuant to H.R. No. 33, HD 1 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 361, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 4, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status & Milestone Report November 30, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 362, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 4, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status & Milestone Report December 30, 2021, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 363, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 8, 2022, transmitting its 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 23-9, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 364, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 18, 2022, transmitting Report No. 22-02, Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 365, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 15, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for January 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 366, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated February 16, 2022, transmitting the State of Hawaii Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, pursuant to Section 40-5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 367, from the Office of Elections, dated February 25, 2022, transmitting the 2021 Reapportionment Commission Final Report and Reapportionment Plan, pursuant to Section 25-8, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 368, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated February 28, 2022, transmitting the 2021 Report of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, pursuant to Section 26-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 369, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 2, 2022, transmitting Report No. 22-03, Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2022, pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 370, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 3, 2022, transmitting Report No. 22-04, Follow-Up on Recommendations from Report No. 18-03, Audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, pursuant to Section 23-7.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 371, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 4, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Administration Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 372, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 2, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report January 25, 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 373, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 15, 2022, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for January 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 374, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 7, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Hawaii Unemployment Insurance Modernization (HUI Mod) Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for January 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 375, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 7, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for January 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 376, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 7, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health

Benefits Trust Fund Benefits Administration System Monthly IV&V Status & Milestone Report January 31, 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 377, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 18, 2022, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 378, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated March 14, 2022, transmitting the 2021 Listing of Opinions Issued by the Attorney General, pursuant to Section 28-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 379, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 16, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – November 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 380, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 16, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – December 2021, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 381, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 16, 2022, transmitting the Monthly Project Assessment Report – January 2022, IV&V for the Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 382, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 16, 2022, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for February 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 383, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 16, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for February 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 384, from the Office of the County Clerk for the County of Maui, dated April 28, 2022, transmitting Resolution No. 22-51, CD1, FD1, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui on April 22, 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 385, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 31, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 386, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 1, 2022, transmitting the Single Audit of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 387, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 6, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Health, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 388, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 6, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Education, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 389, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 7, 2022, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 7, 2022, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 8, 2022, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Office of the Ombudsman, dated April 12, 2022, transmitting Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Report Number 52, pursuant to Section 93-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 11, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project - Electronic Case Management System

Monthly On-Site IV&V Review Report February 24, 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 11, 2022, transmitting the DLIR Hawaii Unemployment Insurance Modernization (HUI Mod) Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for February 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for February 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for March 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2022, transmitting the DOH Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for March 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

## JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following judiciary communications (Jud. Com. Nos. 25 through 32) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 25, dated January 10, 2022, 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, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 26, dated January 21, 2022, transmitting a report on administratively established new accounts for Appropriation No. S-22-233-J Ballistic Vests for POs (FY22), Appropriation No. S-22-236-J Judiciary DWI Court (FY22), Appropriation No. S-22-239-J State Access and Visitation Program (FY22), and Appropriation No. S-22-289-J Judiciary National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP FY21), pursuant to Section 37-52.5 (a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 27, dated February 2, 2022, transmitting a report on an administratively established new account for the Appropriation No. S-22-243-J Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) Hawaii, pursuant to Section 37-52.5(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 28, dated February 14, 2022, transmitting the 2021 Annual Report Hawaii State Judiciary, pursuant to Section 601-2(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 29, dated February 14, 2022, 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, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 30, dated January 24, 2022, 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, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 31, dated March 8, 2022, 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, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

Jud. Com. No. 32, dated March 18, 2022, 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, pursuant to Act 5, SLH 2020.

## MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following miscellaneous communication (Misc. Com. No. 1) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 1, from the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, dated February 11, 2022, transmitting Legislative Resolution 14, which passed on January 28, 2022.

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Ohno introduced his wife, Lilly Ohno; his son, Kenji; and his staff, Dylan Sakuma and Kelton Cheney.

Representative McDermott introduced his staff, Tiana Elisara-Payne, Cesar Caoili, and Andrea Motuliki; and his wife, Utufaasili McDermott.

Representative Wildberger introduced her staff, Natalia Hussey-Burdick.

Representative Ilagan introduced Councilmembers Susan "Sue" Lee Loy and Tim Richards.

Representative Okimoto introduced her mother, Anita Aquino; and her daughters, Rebekah and Emma Okimoto.

Representative Costales introduced her son, David Nakao; her friend visiting from California, John Castro; and her staff, Mason Sadiarian, Mai Cullen, and Shanell Cullen.

Representative Johanson introduced his staff, David Enriquez, Steven Nagata, Sean Rodan, and Dorene Eddy; and his former staff, Jennifer Tobar-Honold.

Representative McKelvey introduced his wife, Val McKelvey; and his staff, Wendee Wilson.

Representative Luke introduced the Student Association of Prince David Kawanakoa Middle School: Caden Camacho, Hudson Fukeda, Cayleb Huynh, Charlotte Jian, Karina Kim, Samson Kuang, Anuhea Leong-Wilkinson, Amy Liu, Ethan Mitchell, Kierra Pulsifer, Mischa Salvatera, Sadie Saoit, Marley Sekimoto, Haylee Sombatphibane, Maya Suganuma, Aden Tran, Michael Vasconcellos, and Zachary Yee; and their advisor, Corrie Izumoto; her husband, Michael Luke; her friends, CJ Leong, Heather Giugni, and Amy Agbayani; and her staff.

Representative Aquino introduced members of the Filipino Curriculum Project: students, Raymart Billote, Allyza Espinosa, Marissa Halagao, Mariah Ramo, and Landee Resuello; Dr. Amy Agbayani, Leon Florendo, Norman Sales, and Philippe Fernandez-Brennan.

Representative Yamane introduced his staff, Johnson Pham and Lauren Oakland.

Representative Nakamura introduced her staff, Ben Viernes, Anam Maniar, and Jessica Gasmen; and her daughter, Casey Nakamura.

Representative Belatti introduced her staff, Ronley Lakalaka, Tammy Kim, and Morgan Paynter; and House Communications staff, Brandon Machida.

Representative Kitagawa introduced her staff, Sarah-Lyn Kaeo, Robin Henski, Garrett Cho, and Jennifer Tobar-Honold.

Representative Matsumoto introduced her staff, Sarah Frank, Jason Buffer, and Aiden Waldrep; and House Minority Research Office staff, Carole Kaapu, Sara Riggs, Kelsey Wallace, Jillian Anderson, Eunice Chang, Angela Pangan, Kaohi Gomera, Tom Kunz, and Kyle Shiroma.

Representative Woodson introduced his staff, Lauren Caldwell, Jannah Lyn Dela Cruz, and Maria Glodilet Rallojay.

Representative Har introduced Representative Aquino's staff, Maureen Andrade.

Representative Lowen introduced her staff, Maile Edwards.

Representative Mizuno introduced his staff, Christine Fehn, Charles St. Sure, and Joje May Mizuno.

Representative Tokioka introduced ILWU Longshoremen: Vic Papapa, David Maiewa, Nate Dudiot, Ken Cho, Leimomi Atwood, and Lawrence DeCosta.

At 10:30 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:44 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 and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Conf. Com. Rep. No. 253-22 and H.B. No. 1147, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1147, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes with Representative Quinlan being excused.

#### Conf. Com. Rep. No. 254-22 and H.B. No. 2466, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2466, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TARO," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes with Representative Quinlan being excused.

#### Conf. Com. Rep. No. 255-22 and H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support. I considered just putting in written comments today, but I can't pass up this opportunity. I don't know if we're ever going to have another day like this, colleagues. This bill, as my counterpart in the Senate Hawaiian Caucus said, is the largest commitment to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in its existence, \$600 million. I feel like a broken record up here, but it's an amazing day, Mr. Speaker.

"The amount of lives that will be changed by this bill, I never thought we'd be standing here today. Seventy-seven million dollars last year was a record high in infrastructure costs for DHHL, and to be having almost ten times that amount of money being directed to the department is unfathomable. It's been noted that the deputy was a little bit skeptical that we'd get here. We're here, Tyler, we made it to the last day, man. Thank you so much to the deputy, to the Finance Chair, to the CIP Chair. I didn't prepare for this one today because I was just so excited. But thank you, guys, everybody, so much. I can't wait to get this money spent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. Like the previous speaker, I too wanted to note the historic moment quoting Governor Waihee, this is a banner year for the Hawaiian community. I know if we project how many houses they're building per year, we're probably another 10 years out, having waited 100 years to where we are today. So, Mr. Speaker, the point is, this is a great beginning, but let us continue the momentum. So, we genuinely and sincerely are going to build for the homes that Prince Kuhio in 1921 had promised and now is being fulfilled. Thank you and thank everybody who had their fingerprints or their hand, their voice, their lobbying, whatever they did, this is a good thing. Thank you."

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

"In strong support. Can I ask that the words of the Representative from Kalihi be entered into the Journal as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Nakamura continued, stating:

"And I'd just like to add that this past weekend our Majority Floor Leader and I had the opportunity to be a part of the DHHL lot award for 51 lots in Anahola in my district on Kauai. And it was amazing to witness so many

families who have been on the waiting list for years and years. One woman, over 40 years on the waiting list, finally got her lot award. And she came to the front, in front of the photo of Prince Kuhio, and just cried in happiness.

"Mr. Speaker, these funds, the \$600 million, gives DHHL the tools to develop infrastructure, develop the lots, and for the first time, flexibility to use the funds for mortgages and for rental assistance. So, we're thinking outside of the box and we're giving DHHL the tools and the time to implement. So *mahalo* to the Finance Chair, to the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Chair for their support, and to the Senate for taking our majority package priority and bringing it to this day where we can vote and support this historic measure. *Mahalo*."

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

"Mr. Speaker, may I have the words of the Representatives from Kalihi and Kauai adopted in the Journal as if they're my own, and brief remarks. As the good gentleman from Kalihi said, this is great news and it's fantastic. And as Governor Waihee said, this is a banner year for Hawaiians. But I want to also say, this is a banner year for Hawaii. Many non-Hawaiians also benefit from living on Hawaiian homesteads. And this is a huge investment into our economy as well. And so, I just want to applaud the body for our work, for helping Hawaiians, and also just to reiterate the fact that when Native Hawaiians benefit, all of Hawaii benefits. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to request the words of the Representative from Kapaa to be put in the Journal as if they were my own. And I'd just like to say that it was touching to watch these 51 lots be awarded. I cried so many times. I don't know how much more tears I have for today. But I'd also like to say that this is exciting for me because it speeds up the process in my district. So, we'll be seeing more homes come up quicker than we ever anticipated. So, thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise in strong support. I would like the words of the Chair of Housing and the Representative from Kalihi and Hawaii Kai entered in the record as if they were my own.

"Villages of Leialī'i, Mr. Speaker, which is in Maui, phase one was started and homes were built in 1986. There was a promise in the plan to build phases two and three and to bring much more affordable, needed housing to beneficiaries. Since 1986, I was a senior in high school, Mr. Speaker, just to let that sink in, I'm an old guy now. And because of this bill, we are now going to finally see the realization of the infrastructure and the homes that have been promised so long ago. And the affordable rentals, Mr. Speaker, I can't speak how important that's going to be to our Native Hawaiian population, many of whom are desperately seeking affordable housing in our area.

"So, this bill to me personally is important, it's important to our community. And a rising tide floats all boats, as the good representative from the windward side summed up in his own words, and I'd like them adopted as well. And thank you, Finance Chair and all the members for what you have done this year. It is truly unprecedented for everybody. *Mahalo*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Quinlan being excused.

#### **H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you asked our Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness to address the growing problem of homelessness. Mr. Speaker, with the help of Finance Chair, we have a

bill today that will invest \$15 million into a program that has proven to work. Mr. Speaker, the Ohana Zones Program, with coordination of the counties, especially the City & County of Honolulu, where we talk with the mayor and in their organization as well as HPD to continue a program that directly impacts those in most need. So, Mr. Speaker, today you have a measure here before you that not only invests \$50 million, provides needed exemptions so a variety of programs can implement programs to help our most in need now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OHANA ZONES," passed final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, and with Representative Quinlan being excused.

#### **H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, with support but with reservations. With reservations with support, if I can put it that way. I have a mixed feeling, and this is why I am standing up and speaking on this. Three weeks ago, I introduced my sister-in-law from South Africa. She was in the gallery and she reminded me, related to this bill, Mr. Speaker, there is green colonialism that's going on in the world.

"What is green colonialism? Never heard of it. That is the developed world is saying, you guys in the developing world, you're going to have to use solar, you're going to have to use windmills, and get off of the fossil fuels. And Africa and the rest of the countries are saying, hey, guys, you guys developed on this, you're polluting our planet, don't leave us out of the economic development equation.

"Mr. Speaker, you know I was a Peace Corps volunteer in the middle of Borneo, I was a country director in East Timor, I was a United Nations worker in Africa. One third of the population of the world goes to sleep sick, hungry, or injured, Mr. Speaker. Green colonialism is real. So, if this is a great bill, but let's not forget the rest of the world, just like we don't forget those who are poor and disabled in the State of Hawaii, let's not forget the rest of the world. There are seven-point-something billion people in the planet. We've got to make sure green colonialism doesn't spread the way the other colonial, well, you know what happened in the colonial wars. And we're still fighting some of that stuff in Ukraine with the Russians.

"Having said that, Mr. Speaker, with reservations, but with the idea that those who are in, and I applaud there's many champions here on the floor, Mr. Speaker, who love the green revolution. But let there be a mindful in the back of their head that green colonialism is living. And if anyone wants to be in touch with the third world, just let them see some of the statistics on the health, the hunger, and the injuries that they go to bed with every night. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. This bill is about us taking responsibility for our emissions and our actions. The U.S. is the highest per capita emitter of greenhouse gas emissions, and I would agree with the Representative from Hawaii Kai that when we talk about climate change, it's important to remember that developing nations are deserving of the same opportunities that developed nations had when they were developing.

"The reality is that to tackle climate change, it's going to take action from developed nations, primarily not only to take responsibility for our own emissions, but to help developing nations and to help finance climate action in other countries. So, I think everybody is on the same page on that.

"This bill is about us taking responsibility for our own emissions here in Hawaii. And primarily what this does is fund a study to look at what are our pathways forward to decarbonization economy-wide, including looking at considerations of environmental justice, frontline communities and low-income communities, so that nobody gets left behind. So, again, in support. Thanks."



The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION," passed final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kong, McDermott, and Okimoto voting no, and with Representative Quinlan being excused.

**H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Standing in strong support. Mr. Speaker, whenever a child, a *keiki* of Hawaii is injured, harmed, or killed, it impacts our community. Last year an incident happened which called upon the community and many of our members to ask why? What do we do? So, your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, as well as your Committee on Finance and the Finance Chair, took on this task, Mr. Speaker. We wanted to make sure that no *keiki* again is put at risk.

"So, what you have today is a bill that puts \$8 million into resources. Resources that will include increasing information technology, increasing compensation for services to help fill and retain vacancies, help the permanency support programs. Mr. Speaker, we're going to ask the department to come back to us next year to tell us what specifically needs to be done within the department.

"And, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the children, both in foster care and adoptions, we don't want them to be left behind. So, we have language in here, Mr. Speaker, that every child that is in placement that needs to be monitored will be monitored and protected. So, Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to be here today to provide you a bill that not only puts the resources where it needs to be but reinforces the fact that our *keiki* are important and will not be left behind. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. We have been grappling with the Child Welfare Services, Child Protective Services, for years. And year after year we have been asking the Department of Human Services, what other actions or alternatives or different type of approaches do we need to protect the children who are under the jurisdiction and protection of the State? I think, even as you saw the process of where this discussion happened this year, you saw the challenges and how the Legislature grappled with this issue.

"So initially, when the House draft of the budget came out, we appropriated significant amount of additional positions to fund more either caseworkers or social workers within the Child Welfare Services. And Department of Human Services came back and said, well, we don't need those positions. And it was baffling to us because we thought, if you have more caseworkers, isn't it just common sense that you will go out and monitor situations and find the best way to protect our *keiki*? So, we were puzzled.

"And through the session, we looked at different alternatives, whether it's pay differentials or a different type of monitoring. And when the Senate bill came out, it wasn't until a few weeks, maybe even a couple weeks ago, that several providers came out and spoke up and had confidential meetings with a few of us and even Senator San Buenaventura. And then we realized what we were doing was not completely accurate.

"Department of Human Services did not need new positions only because some of the services that were being provided were being contracted out to nonprofits like Hale Kipa and Catholic Charities and others that went out and monitor. Over the years because the amount that was given to these nonprofit organization or service providers have not increased, and in fact, they have in one situation canceled because Department of Human Services lacked the funds to fund those organization, that has led to some of the disconnect between us protecting kids under the ward of the State or within the jurisdiction of adoptive families or even foster care. That was a huge revelation.

"And I would like to thank actually Kevin Dayton, which is very unusual, because Kevin Dayton, who's probably not here, he should be here but the one time we're actually thanking the media he's not here because he thinks something more interesting in the Senate is happening, clearly. But Kevin Dayton over the years has continued to stress, what is this state going to do to protect kids, kids under the protection of our state? And what will the department and the Legislature do to make sure that no additional, no other kid is under either some harm or under some kind of injury because of the situation that they're in.

"And I think it's because of the continued advocacy of the media, Civil Beat, and others in the district and the community, the providers had the courage to step forward. Before, they didn't have the courage to step forward. And because of that action, they realized there were legislators and there was this body, including the Health and Human Services Chair, including Representative from Waimanalo, including many in the leeward areas, including members of the Senate who were willing to listen, who were willing to figure out what the problems were, and take those suggestions and the commitment to continue those discussions that gave them the strength to confront come forward, and that's why we have this bill today.

"And I'm so encouraged because in the beginning of session, I think the Representative from Waimanalo and I had a discussion about, okay, let's just keep this going, because something will pop up, some idea will come out. And we struggle because we kept saying this is not the right method, we know, but we have to continue."

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

Representative Luke continued, stating:

"Thank you, Representative from Hawaii Kai. And I think because we continued to keep that discussion going and because we went out and listened to some of the foster parents, listened to grandparents, listened to the community, that we have this bill today. And that's what we are here to do. And I'm just so very proud of this moment. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support, strong support. I just want to say how appreciative I am. I tried to author a bill that really sought collaboration, before session, from DHS, from DOH, from DOE, from foster parents, from nonprofits that work with them. And at that time, I wasn't able to get any help from DHS in finding something that they wanted that could help improve the situation. And they opposed this bill, and it made it very challenging.

"And I really am so grateful that the Chair of Health and Human Services took this on, and the Chair of Finance was committed to it in one form or another, whether it was a bill or the budget. And because of their efforts, along with their Senate counterparts, despite reluctance from the affected agency, they were able to come up with something that I think will really make a difference, that is so important to my community. Waimanalo has a long history of being foster parents and adoptive parents of foster kids. And in talking to people that have been around a long time, it has changed. Things used to be better than they are now. There used to be more services, resources, there used to be more supervision, is what they tell me.

"So, I'm very hopeful that with this bill we will bring it back at least to where we were before and hopefully make it better. And I appreciate the commitment of this body to make that happen and the generosity of funding it. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, and with Representative Quinlan being excused.

**S.B. No. 2218, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2:**

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2218, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM," passed final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, and with Representative Quinlan being excused.

At 11:06 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1147, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 2466, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
 H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
 H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2  
 S.B. No. 2218, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2

**S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. This bill provides \$300 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund that's administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation. For the first time, \$150 million of the \$300 million can be used for families making between 60% to 100% of the area median income. So, this is for our working families.

"Up until now, this group has not had the resources, we have not provided funding subsidies to nonprofit and for-profit developers to target this income group. And this is the group that leaves Hawaii every year because there's no housing available. So, I'm thrilled to be able to support this bill today. We will, between this bill and the DHHL waitlist bill of \$600 million, will have close to \$1 billion this year to address affordable housing concerns. And this will translate into 5,000 to 6,000 additional housing units for all families in Hawaii. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to stand in strong support. May I have the words of the Chair of Housing entered into the record as if they were my own. And I believe that 60% to 100% figure is quite profound, Mr. Speaker. This is the group upon which the hammer stroke has fallen the hardest. This is the group that is in most dire need of affordable rental housing assistance. This is the group that is desperate for the help of the State of Hawaii and the Legislature. And for that and for the people of my district in Maui, I'm truly grateful for the work that she and the Vice Chair have done, as well as the Finance Chair. Because this group is the one that has been left behind and has had to leave our shores because of it. So, thank you again to both of them and to the members of the body," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS," passed final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 11:09 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2

**S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2:**

Representative Belatti moved that S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I hope to not speak out of turn or take the thunder away from the awesome work of the Finance Chair. I'm in strong support, Mr. Speaker. I was told that a budget is a reflection of values. Last year, we saw that during the height of the pandemic, this body reined in revolving funds, had the confidence to tax visitors at an appropriate rate, and allowed the counties to do the same. We saw over the last year that the market absolutely absorbed this nominal increase for visitors. There was no racket or uproar regarding a tax debate. People came and they will continue to visit. I hope that this body ensures that these rates stay in place and that we continue to work with the Senate and the Governor so that we can continue to tax at an appropriate rate and fund our communities as they are required. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Some people will say that we are on a spending spree. We have \$1 billion for Hawaiian programs, we have \$1 billion in duplicated funds, to be sure, for housing. But we are also on a saving spree with \$1 billion in savings, when you add the \$500 million in this bill that will go to the rainy day fund. I believe we will have, with the \$500 million, \$997 million combined in rainy day fund and hurricane fund. So, we are doing both spending and savings.

"Kudos to the Finance Chair for also looking at out to \$300 million for the pension fund. Two days ago, we also put \$300 million in the health insurance fund. So, I think that we can say that we have both taken care of immediate needs, but we are also looking toward the future and putting in a very large and healthy cushion for the next Finance Chair. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," passed final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 11:12 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading.

S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2

**DISPOSITION OF MATTERS  
 PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK**

Representative Belatti moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Concurrent Resolution, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried:

H.C.R. No. 33 (SD 1)

**H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EARLY ACCESS BREAST CANCER SCREENING," was Adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 185 and 186) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 185, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE SPEAKER TO PERFORM AND CARRY OUT ANY OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE 2022 AND 2023 REGULAR SESSIONS," was jointly offered by Representatives Belatti and Okimoto.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Okimoto and carried, H.R. No. 185 was adopted.

H.R. No. 186, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Mizuno.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Okimoto and carried, H.R. No. 186 was adopted.

At 11:14 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Eli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. And I have had the privilege of working with the women in this body to address issues such as this. But I did want to take the time to share a story about a missing woman from my district.

"Melissa Estoy was 25 years old when she was last seen at Nanakuli Beach Park in an area known to those that reside there as Zablun Beach. It was the afternoon of January 16th, 2018. Surveillance footage from the area showed Melissa walking into the ocean but did not show her return to her car. The vehicle, a 1991 gold Honda Accord, was found two days later at the beach with her belongings inside, keys in the ignition and windows rolled down. A search in the ocean turned up no sign of Melissa and she remains missing. Many investigations were done into tips that were given since she went missing and none has led to her recovery.

"And so, I just wanted to take a moment to remind us of all the indigenous women across this country that go missing every day and remain missing. So, *mahalo*."

Representative Kapela: "Melissa's story is not unique. As the Representative from Nanakuli stated, there are thousands of missing and murdered indigenous women across our state and our nation who have been silenced. So, the missing and murdered indigenous women's movement is a movement that advocates for the end of violence against native women. It also seeks to draw attention to the high rates of disappearances and murders of native peoples and the silence of these women and girls.

"So, while we have so much to celebrate today as a body, it shows that we still have work to do. And because of that, I'd like to ask for a moment of silence at the appropriate time to honor the native women and to remember the native women and our sisters who have been murdered and our sisters who we are still searching for, including Nanakuli resident, Melissa."

At this time, the members of the House of Representatives stood for a moment of silence to honor and remember native women who have been murdered or are missing.

Representative Morikawa: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the Star-Bulletin's newspaper on Sunday, December 31st, 2006, a letter from our current Speaker and Finance Chair was printed. I have framed it and kept it in my office as a reminder of their intent to reform the State House. I want to share some highlights of this letter.

"One key indicator of how the Legislature will conduct business is the way it selects its leaders and committee chairpeople. The Senate has gone in the right direction with its focus on openness. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the House of Representatives.

"We must recognize that we were elected to serve the general public, and that it is not too late to bring about reform. By working with the Senate leadership, the House can implement a progressive agenda that will improve the Legislature and residents' quality of life. Here are a few things that we can do.

"Increase ethical standards. The House needs to prevent self-dealing, which results in bad legislation and policy decisions. We must set higher standards and learn to enforce them -- even against our colleagues.

"Approve immediate tax relief for working people. Programs such as the earned income tax credit can provide more than \$20 million annual tax relief for thousands of working families in Hawaii. The federal government and 20 other states already have adopted the EITC. Hawaii should provide this and other tax relief to our residents.

"Pass an aggressive renewable energy agenda. In recent years, the House has watered down bold proposals to reduce our reliance on oil. We can no longer afford to do this. We must set a comprehensive plan to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and its effect on other facets of our economy. We cannot continue to prolong action if we are to become more self-sufficient.

"It is time to put aside the old way of doing things. We believe that our generation and those that follow deserve a sharp and aggressive Legislature that will work for the public interest. We hope the House is up to the task."

"Mr. Speaker, you and the Chair of Finance have finally accomplished your dream of over 15 years ago. Congratulations, and thank you for your love of Hawaii. Thank you."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, I understand this is the time that we have the last chance to publicly thank those who are leaving and it would be appropriate to say a few things? Thank you. And I was reminded by the

gentleman who wears an ascot and is one of the best dressed people, if I'm not brief, I'm going to have a difficult time this afternoon.

"First to thank all of you 11 who are leaving, may the winds be behind you. And I would be amiss if I didn't say that this side of the aisle is going to lose 50% of its numbers. That's a big percentage. But I want to point out first, my little brother from Ewa Beach, Representative McDermott, by name, it's been a pleasure serving with you. As a Marine, I know you're up for the battle that you have for the U.S. Senate, and may the Lord lead you accordingly.

"And to my colleague from Mililani who we hope to call Councilmember Okimoto, the best to you and to all of the things that you've done with Representative Matsumoto and myself, we greatly appreciate. May the winds be behind you and may those seats that you fill now be filled by the equally qualified, passionate, committed. And for everybody, remember, it's not about you, it's about the people of Hawaii, that's why we're here. So, congratulations to all of you that following winds be behind you."

Representative Mizuno: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I have the words from my good friend from Hawaii Kai placed into the journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

"I'm going to ask for your kind indulgence. The majority members, I support them in their reelection or their bid for a new venue. Representative Luke, I got your back. It's a given, I support our majority members.

"Going to say something in the spirit of bipartisanship that I didn't get to say a couple of years back when a good friend from the GOP retired. I miss my old friend Representative Thielen, and I regret not saying anything because right after that they did their announcements, we presented certificate and lei, and then we're done. So, I'm not going to lose this opportunity.

"I want to thank the good representative, Minority Leader Okimoto. A couple of months ago we did a Civil Beat, Civil Cafe. And they're going over the salient points of the bills for this session. Interestingly enough, I think Val and I agreed on everything. In fact, we almost agreed on everything she brought up during that Civil Beat Cafe, that I think gambling is one of the issues we disagree. And I just wanted to thank the members but thank Minority Leader who is so humble, goes door to door, really shows that her constituents are her employer, displays that she's a public servant, places everybody in the state above her. And because of Minority Leader, our communities are better, our state is a better place, and I think I've learned a lot from her. So, God bless you.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And for all the members who are departing, like my good friend from Hawaii Kai said, God bless all of you. We love you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative LoPresti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to give my fond *aloha* to all the members who are departing. But I especially wanted to thank my colleague from Ewa Beach. He and I, though radically different in the political world, we share the same faith and we share the same commitment to the values and principles that guide us. And that's why I have such a deep respect for him. Because though I disagree with pretty much everything politically that he stands for, as he does me, I know it comes from a place of genuine intent where he's trying to make the world a better place as he sees it and I'm trying to make the world a better place as I see it. And that's what brings most of us here to this place. And I just want to honor him and his family for their service and sacrifice to my community, to our community of Ewa Beach. And it was an honor serving with you, Bob, for three terms, and I wish you the best. *Aloha*."

Representative Ganaden: "I'd like to thank the Chair of Corrections, Military, & Veterans Affairs for his guidance for me, a freshperson, over the last two years. I think we were both nervous meeting each other at the beginning of last session and he showed me absolute professionalism, a way to act in this building, and a way to react to the public that I'm going to carry forward through the rest of my career with all of you. I think it's unfortunate that we don't get to work together in the coming years, and I was really looking forward to it. So, just a big thank you."

Representative Perruso: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that I'm a mess because I think we have so much to be proud of this session. The

least of which, in my view, is the funding. I think that this body together has really made a shift. And at the same time, I'm just very sad to see some of these colleagues, all of the colleagues who are leaving. And thank you for your contribution to our work."

Representative Ilagan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an event announcement. In honor of each of our staff in each of our offices and the support House staff, the freshman class, there's 10 of us. Please stand up freshmen, please stand up, because you have put time and effort for this. The freshman class prepared shave ice, halo-halo, and cotton candy to say thank you. And this *mahalo* House staff event is from actually all the members and sponsored by you, looking at you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of all the House members, please come to Room 329 at 2 p.m. to grab shave ice and halo-halo and cotton candy. We want to say thank you very much to all of our House staff of your hard work for making us successful."

Representative B. Kobayashi: "Mr. Speaker, may I say a few words about departing members? I think all of the departing members will be missed. Everyone makes a contribution. And who knows who will replace you? Will it be someone of equal stature and ability? I hope that you all have a productive and long career, even as you leave this body."

"I'd like to say some particular words about what I believe is our biggest loss, and that is our Finance Chair. She has been Finance chair for 10 years through the best and worst times. She is the best Finance chair or best money committee chair that I have served with. She has cognitive complexity to see the various parts, sometimes contradictory. She understands that sometimes the sum of the parts equals the whole, but at other times the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Especially when we come to her with our picayune little line items for this and that. And she smiles graciously and says, we'll see what we can do. Of course, sometimes nothing is done. But nonetheless, the good humor and graciousness of at least accepting that we have valid concerns is much appreciated."

"During most of our tenures here, the budget was underwater. That is, the annual revenues were less than expenditures, and we survived on the basis of the large carryover balances. And then came COVID, the biggest economic downturn in our history with virtually zero tourists. And we luckily got bailed out in large part by federal government, Congress."

"And then this year, if there is any poetic justice, we have the largest budget surplus in history. And we have, I believe, spent it well for many good purposes as well as, as I said earlier, put into savings the largest amount that we have ever had in history. So, kudos aplenty to our departing Finance Chair. Thank you."

Representative Tokioka: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of our class, and there's only five of us left, Rep. McKelvey, who is one of our class members, is leaving us. And I know all of us working with him throughout the years, our classmates have enjoyed his humor and his wackiness at many times. So, to the Rep. from Lahaina, we're going to miss you. *Aloha*."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"So members, as you know, we have nine members who will be leaving the House and we wanted to give them an opportunity to make some farewell remarks."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Luella Costales, who was appointed in 2022 by Governor Ige, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Mizuno on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Costales: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I've only been here technically for half a session, I'll try to take only half of the allotted time. But I guess to start, just a few days ago when we were doing the final roll call, I just sort of sat in amazement and thought, how did I get here? And it really had me reflecting. I thought of my father, who today would be 117 years old. He was born in 1905 and came from the Philippines in 1923. And I think his wish for me was just to go to college, that was it. As I think a lot in our community, that's our wish for our own children, including my own."

"So, to sit here, it just really amazed me. So, I started reflecting on my journey. And unfortunately when the seat in District 39 opened up and someone had asked me my thoughts about filling the seat, I thought,

absolutely not, this is really for the younger people, this is their time, I've done my work. But at the same time, I did have to honor the request, the fact that they came to me and asked, would I consider it?"

"So, I think all of those who saw in me that it was a possibility, I think, coming from South Central Los Angeles and a small, tiny Catholic school on Martin Luther King Boulevard, where I think most of us were probably felt unseen, to come here and represent an entire district, it just really blows me away."

"For my friends who have supported me all the way, and many of them have been watching religiously through YouTube, and they're in other states, namely Vancouver, Washington, and Los Angeles. And it's really led to discussions on the invocation. Who is giving the invocation, what are they about, what's their story? What are some of the Hawaiian issues we weren't aware of? So, it was good to know that others were really watching the work that all of you are doing and really honoring your thoughts and just helping to expand that knowledge. So, I thank all of you for really providing that."

"We would always joke that it's like they were here with us every day and they really wanted their names inserted into the daily Journal. So, I just want to really recognize Susan Malveau in Vancouver, Washington, and Ingrid Richardson Leon, both of whom I've known since second grade and we've been friends, and they've put the care of their sons as my godsons, and for me vice versa."

"When thinking about this seat, again I had to look at the reasons for doing so and what is my role in this? And I would like to acknowledge up in the gallery, one of my staunchest supporters and brightest mentor is Amy Agbayani. I share her as a mentor with so many people in our community. She has paved the way for us and somehow she has room for all of us to believe in the best of us and to believe in the possibilities of all we can do, and to say, hey, I'll help you through it, you're not going to be there alone. And Amy and her team of women and men and students and seniors have all been there for so many of us. So, I do want to just recognize the value she is in our community. And for me, I'd say after leaving this body today and after the end of session, that's what I want to be when I grow up. It's what I've always been saying. And so, I hope to move into that realm of supporting so many others who want to fill the seats that we have here and that will be vacant."

"Also want to mention Molly Mamaril, who's sitting next to Amy. She is my colleague over at the Oahu Economic Development Board, and very young, very bright, very smart, and one of the biggest reasons that I'm here with all of you today. I see a lot of my young self in Molly in getting involved in a lot of issues in the community, the environment, Black Lives Matter, seeing her put her time and commitment into it. But also seeing that they didn't have a lot of friends, they didn't have that relationship that would connect. And thought that maybe by taking this role, I could help bridge that and encourage them and also support them in saying I did it, I know what it takes, and I know you can do it too, and I'll be there to support you. So, Molly, thank you so much for the inspiration that you provide."

"I want to thank the Governor for appointing me. And for you, Mr. Speaker, for your hard work in ensuring that I came on board. Quickly things were taken care of, everyone gave me so much attention to make sure that I would be well prepared. From the Chief Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chief Attorney, the wonderful IT department and people that are in it. All of this was possible only because of all of you, so I thank you."

"And finally, I just want to say thank you to the chairs for the committees that I served on. Chair Woodson, you were amazing, you were great, you were a mentor. You had the time when things didn't make sense to me, you made the offer to help, and I took it with full heart. And you spent a lot of time just getting me up to speed. So, I appreciate that and all the good that you do. Chair Takayama, Chair Ichiyama, and of course, Chair McKelvey, who I've known probably the longest for a while."

"It was a historic session. So, to be part of the menstrual equity bill, the Filipino issues, and seeing a GIA being supportive in my district for child and family services shelter, in which my own family members have had to take advantage of, and to see that we can help support that, I'm very grateful."

"I had the most incredible staff. Shanell Cullen, Mai Cullen, Mason Sadiarin, thank you so much. They're exceptional. They are probably the

brightest, the most caring and committed staff. I know they've been through a lot and they've been an example in resiliency, just being able to pick up and move on. And they were a big comfort when my boss and good friend, Pono Shim, passed away during session and ensured that everything could be carried on. I leaned on them so much and they really helped to lift. And I thank all of you for signing the certificate, I think we had about 48 members who signed the certificate for Pono on both sides. So, that really means so much to our community and all of those who love him.

"And finally, I would like to add one more volunteer, Trevor Nagamine. Trevor, many of you may know he's worked in the House, in offices in the Senate for many years, was a student of Miss Perruso's. It's been really hard to Rep. Perruso, because I've known her for so many years as an educator of my own children as Miss Perruso. But Trevor, knowing him since I think middle school to come in and offer help, I really appreciate that. So many of you have been supportive, I won't go through all the names, I will thank you in person and give you hugs to thank you and to show my gratitude.

"And lastly, my family, my three kids, William Nakao, Lia Nakao, David Nakao, as they continue their work in the nonprofit and education, and social work, and also in the supporting immigrant legal services. I thought I could rest and relax, they've got it, but it looks like not. So, I'm going to be joining Amy to really help our youngsters and students kind of continue the work that we're doing here today.

"And finally, my mother, who is at home watching, she's 91 years old. And many of you know that she's been in hospice care, which is why she isn't with us today. But she's my rock, she's our everything, she's our matriarch. And we're just valuing the time that we do have with her. I don't wear the color red usually ever, but I have been wearing it more this session just to honor her and so that when she watches TV she can see that and know that she's always with me.

"In wrapping everything up, I do want to share the words that I've shared at the invocation earlier, which is the words of Auntie Pilahi Paki and her prophecy that I learned and Pono Shim has shared with so many. And I'll summarize but, in the 21st century, the world will look for peace and they'll look to Hawaii because Hawaii is the key and the key is *aloha*. And I just want to thank all of you here for your *aloha*, for helping me carve another notch in my key that has not only unlocked a lot of good things and *aloha* for me in moving forward, but has also helped to lock things. A lot of negativity and misconception that a lot of people share that we have about the work and the people that are done here. So, I'm so grateful and *mahalo*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Patrick Pihana Branco, Class of 2020, who served as vice chair of the Committee on Water & Land, who is our young statesman of the House, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Tarnas on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Branco: "In my previous life, I moved around quite a lot and I had to say a lot of goodbyes. This will be the hardest. First off, I want to thank my community. Kailua and Kaneohe Bay were such a strong force. People joke about us sometimes that we talk too much, but we're such a powerful force and I'm so grateful for our community.

"To my family and friends, thank you, you've always been there to support me. And I told you folks from when I was going to move away from home to go to war zones, you were always there. I also want to thank my staff, Nikki Oka, Chiemi Bryant, Sheila Ringor, Alan Muneoka, and especially Charlotte Farmer, who's always a constant and a friend.

"I'd also like to thank my buddies. Rep. Sayama, you have the best smile, so always smile. Representative Ilagan, you can make any tense session happy, make people laugh, it's a special gift you have. And also to Representative Troy Hashimoto, you have such a big heart, and thank you for always loving. Speaker, thank you so much. Every time I come to meet with you, I feel like your eyes are piercing my soul and I don't know what you're thinking, but thank you for always listening. Chair Luke, everyone told me to be careful with you. And every time I came to see you, I just wanted to hug you and just say thank you. You're so caring and you're so loving and you do that to everyone. And you care and you love our state. Thank you.

"Kyle, thank you for being such a strong mentor to me and being a good friend. Aaron, it's going to be the hardest to say goodbye to you. Remember the first time we spoke, we spoke for three hours. And you've always been a constant friend. And Chair Tarnas, when Speaker asked me what I wanted out of a chair, I had told him I would like to be under a chair that I can learn and grow, and a chair that's super smart. And Speaker hit it on the head, I couldn't have asked for a better chair, thank you. So, I made it through the thank yous, that was the hardest part.

"Just some reflections of being here, right? What compels us to be here? Stay late, go through these endless calls. Those from the neighbor islands, to take some time away from their family. What compels us to do this? And it's *aloha 'āina*, it's a love of our land, that's why we're here. This is the work that we're doing. And it just shows how special Hawaii is. Whether your family is new here or your family is here for generations, you love this place, we all love this place. And this is what makes Hawaii special. I have been to many places in the world, but no place has the feeling of home like Hawaii. And so even though I'm departing, I know that this state is going to be in good hands because of your commitment to our people and to our beautiful state. *Mahalo*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Val Okimoto, Class of 2018, who served as the minority leader, a tough job that she has handled with grace and dignity, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Ward on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Okimoto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will do my best, I have to write things down otherwise I get pretty *wala'au*. I just ask for forgiveness if I go over the allotted time limit. First of all, I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and your leadership team for being gracious and respectful to me as the minority leader. Thank you to the House Sergeant-at-Arms. Rod, you and Tamah and your staff have been incredible to my staff and myself over the last four years and have truly been a blessing. Thank you for always forgiving me when I made a freshman mistake and doing all that you do to keep this body safe.

"To Brian, Rupert, and the Chief Clerk's Office staff, thank you very much for taking care of all the members and making sure that we properly fulfill our duties as legislators. Especially thank you for making sure that we were in our seats for roll call every day. *Mahalo* to the Printshop that supports all of us. And thank you, Tammy, for dealing with my office and our many printing *faux pas*. I want to thank also all the supporting staff in this Capitol, from the accounting to IT to even our dear office custodian, Ligaya. We would be nothing here without you.

"To the House Minority Research Office, thank you for providing the services you did to the Minority Caucus. And to the majority caucus staff, thank you very much for the service to this body and to the people of Hawaii that you provide. I would like to extend a special thank you to my minority caucus members, Representatives Gene Ward, Bob McDermott, and Lauren Matsumoto. Rep. McDermott often told me that our caucus was like having a dysfunctional family and that leading them was like herding cats. Well, Bob, I will say that you definitely spoke the truth. But despite our differences, I can confidently say that you each have shown me the example of what serving our constituents should be. Thank you for the opportunity to be your minority leader this past year. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

"Thank you to my chairs, my beloved Chairs Onishi, Woodson, Quinlan, Takayama, and Kobayashi for allowing me to have a voice in committee, for seeking out my input and accepting it, for answering my questions, and most especially, for allowing me to vote my conscience without consequence. Thank you to my beloved people of District 36. It has truly been an honor to serve and represent you over the last four years. Thank you for allowing me into your homes and hearts.

"I would be remiss to not be thankful especially to my office *'ohana*, some who are here today and those who are here in spirit. Thank you to Jame, my first OM, for teaching me exactly what a legislator should do and be. For walking me around the building my first year just to make sure I was in the right place at the right time. And for teaching me and your protege, Eric, all you know about legislation and policy. I will say that Eric has been a much better student than I was, but this building has truly lost a master of policy when it lost Jame Schaedel.

"Thank you to Eric for being there with me through the thick and thin. Thank you for letting me text you at all times of the day and night because I had a question or forgot something, and for keeping my calendar straight, because everyone in my office knows that if it's not on the calendar, I don't know it exists. You are more than an office manager to me, you are a brother. Thank you to Kaeo for jumping in as my chief of staff during an unprecedented session last year. Your positive energy has been a great addition to my office.

"Almost last but not least, I want to thank my family and friends, some of who are here today. Thank you to my mom and dad, Dennis and Anita Aquino, who sacrificed so much for me so that I would have every opportunity possible. That any opportunity I strive for in my life, I always credit my local roots and being grounded in my life to my upbringing on Kauai, my beautiful home island. And I know it is because of the hardworking, honest, and faithful example of you both, mom and dad, that I'm here today.

"Thank you to my Mililani *'ohana* who loves and supports me and my girls. I want to thank Jessie for believing in me and supporting me, no matter what goal I may be chasing, and for having faith in me and our savior. And most especially, thank you to my two beautiful daughters, Rebekah and Emma, they were very unhappy that I pulled them out of school today, but I kind of told them I'm going to pull a mommy card and be selfish today, they're here with me. You have been so patient so much over the last four years. While I know neither of you asked for this life in politics, I hope one day you both know you are the true inspiration and motivation behind everything I do, for all I do is to help you and the future of our *keiki*. I love you both so very much. No title is greater to me than that of being your mom.

"And these final, final thanks go to my fellow colleagues, many of you who I love so dearly, of the House. The ones who are here today, the ones who came before us, and the ones who will follow us. *Mahalo* to all of you for your unwavering service to the public on behalf of your constituency that you honorably represent. Public service is a noble, humble, and worthy duty for all of us here who strive to serve the great people of Hawaii. I am grateful for the opportunity I've been blessed with to have served with you the past four years. *Mahalo nui*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Tina Wildberger, Class of 2018, who served as vice chair of the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, who has never been hesitant to say exactly what she thinks about something, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Hashimoto on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Wildberger: "In keeping with my assigned attributes, I would like to extend obsequious adulation to everyone who provided me with any kind of support, benefit, advice, camaraderie, sorority or fraternity, thank you all. I'm going to use my time, and I did time it, to share some thoughts about an existential issue that's happening right now on the federal level that I think is very important to have some words spoken about here on this floor. And since it hasn't happened yet, I'm going to use my time for this subject today.

"With the serious consequences facing 100 million women across our nation and the reality that *Roe v. Wade* is about to be overturned, I'd like to share some pro-life considerations.

"Pro-life means supporting Becky, who found out in her 20-week scan that the baby she was so excited to bring into this world developed without life sustaining organs. Pro-life means supporting Susan, who was sexually assaulted on her way home from work, only to learn a month later that her assailant planted seed.

"Pro-life means supporting Teresa, who hemorrhaged due to placental abruption, leaving her family to make the impossible choice to save her or her in utero baby. Pro-life means supporting Cathy, who had her innocence ripped away by someone she should have been able to trust, and her 11-year-old body isn't mature enough to bear the consequence of that betrayal.

"Pro-life means supporting Melissa, who's working two jobs to make ends meet and has to choose between bringing another child into poverty or feeding the children she already has because their father walked out on them.

Pro-life means supporting Brittany, who realizes that she is in no way financially, emotionally, or physically able to raise a child. Pro-life means supporting Emily, who went through IVF, ended up with six viable implanted eggs, requiring selective reduction to ensure her safety and the safe number of fetuses.

"Pro-life means supporting Jessica, who's finally mustering the strength to get away from her physically abusive spouse, only to find out that she's pregnant by that monster. Pro-life means supporting Vanessa, who went to her confirmation appointment after years of trying to conceive, only to hear silence where there should have been a heartbeat. Pro-life means supporting Lindsay, who lost her virginity in her sophomore year with a broken condom and now has to choose whether to be a teenage mom or just a teenager.

"Pro-life means supporting Courtney, who found out she's already 13 weeks along, but the egg never made it out of her fallopian tube so either she terminates the pregnancy or risks dying from internal bleeding. Pro-life means supporting George who is hate-raped after someone found out he was assigned female at birth and can't come out to his family, can't come out to his community, or his work. Pro-life means supporting Nicky, who presents as a man and has a uterus and is intersex. He can't afford to raise a child, he can't afford time away from work to deliver an infant, recover, return to work to find he's lost his position.

"You can argue and say that these issues are pro-choice, but the truth is they are pro-life. Their lives, women's lives, humans who have uteruses, those who identify as women and those who do not. Everyone loves someone who has had to face this choice. And I hope next year's legislature will take the decisive action to more firmly codify protections for abortion in our statutes and constitution and provide funding for neighbor island women to access that right. Because the right to privacy and body autonomy is only useful if you don't have to buy a plane ticket and fly somewhere else to get it. Maui County might as well be Mississippi.

"Colleagues, it's been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the people and the *'aina* of South Maui for the last four years, and I thank you all very much. *Aloha*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Takashi Ohno, Class of 2012, who served as chair of the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans and the Committee on Intrastate Commerce, who was elected in the year of same sex marriage and never flinched on that issue as a freshman, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Belatti and Morikawa on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Ohno: "In support, Mr. Speaker, with reservations. Mr. Speaker, serving in the Hawaii State Legislature was a dream job of mine. And just like many people here, we all have so many folks to be grateful for, so I have many people to recognize. First, the good people of District 27 who took a chance on me 10 years ago and sent me here. I'm still baffled that they made that choice, but I hope I've done well by them.

"To the House staff who make us look good, give us a place to do our work, and make sure our work stands up in the court of law. Brian Takeshita, the Chief Clerk, with Rupert Juarez, previously C.J. Leong. Sergeant-at-Arms, Rod Tanonaka, previously Kevin Kuroda. Casey Hines at HMSO, Lisa and Joan were before him. Thank you to all those folks.

"Thank you to all the advocates and community and public that come and testify before us. We found out during the pandemic, this job is not the same without them. We miss them, and the Capitol community is something that's special and something that really touched me.

"Thank you to my colleagues, all of you folks here and all the folks who I've served with over the past 10 years. There is no group that I'll ever meet that's more kind, smart, and cunning. It's because of all these folks that I have a seat at the table, a mic in hand, and a vote to cast. I'm grateful for them.

"I have a special thank you to my office manager, Jenna Takenouchi. She's been with me for 10 years and she's been a wonderful, wonderful partner. What I admire about her is that she makes big things seem small. And in all my years in office, I can confidently say, bringing her onto my team was the best choice I've made.

"Now, Mr. Speaker, I have many shortcomings as an elected leader, but I'm thankful for the many folks in this caucus and in this room who have served as role models for me. Thank you to those members in this body who show so much humility when there's so much reason not to be humble. Many of these folks put their head down, they solve real state problems, and they consistently be the bigger person, even when they have so much reason to feel slighted. Many of them are anonymous outside their districts. And I gather probably the people in their district don't quite know the contributions these members make to the state. My only reasoning for why they keep being the bigger person, biting their tongue, and solving problems is just their simple love of Hawaii. Thank you to those members in our body who take on the weight of the world on their shoulders.

"This work is not only intellectually demanding, it's really emotionally draining. And there are folks in this body who take on enormous tasks and do so almost effortlessly. However, I do know that those members agonize over their decisions. There are tears behind closed doors. And some of these folks who have to make these hard decisions lose friendships because of that work. I admire them and I hope to one day be able to carry the weight of the world on my shoulders like they do, and still give five minutes to your friend and do so with a smile.

"Mr. Speaker, this, serving in the Hawaii State Legislature, has been a dream job of mine. There will never be a better job that I have anywhere in my career. But this dream job, it's still a job. And jobs change. I have a hypothesis that some of the skills that we've all gained here, listening to people, identifying their problem, pursuing a solution, my hypothesis is that it also could benefit us all outside of this building. I don't know if that's the case, but I encourage you all, stay tuned and please stay in touch with me. It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve with you all. *Mahalo*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Class of 2010, who served as the chair of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, who is the best speech writer in the House and is a mentor for so many, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Belatti on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Johanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I rise to speak for the last time on this House floor, I'm struck by so many things. I'm wearing the same, well, you can't see it, but I am wearing the same tie today that I wore on Opening Day of the 2011 Session when I first got elected. I haven't worn it since because I received a lei on opening day of 2011 that permanently stained it. And while I used to view that stain as a blemish and the tie as ruined, I find my time at the Legislature has helped me to reevaluate and to see it in a new light. It's simply a tie with character.

"My tie's journey is very indicative of life, the many unexpected events that arise and how we choose to deal with them. Since Opening Day of 2011, many years have passed and much, much has changed. But as I reflect, one thing has remained the same and stands out to me the most. I recently learned about dispositional gratitude or the practice of noticing and appreciating positive aspects of life from an amazing, soon to be Yale freshman who will undoubtedly change the world. As I close out my 12 years in the House, I'm left with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and a heart of thankfulness.

"Being a state representative for the communities that raised me has been the privilege of a lifetime. I'd like to start by thanking my office family. Each of you has been so incredible and I couldn't do without you. Sean, David, Jen, Marie, Steve, Sharon, and especially my office manager, Dorene, and the many people I've been privileged to work with over my 12 years. You're my family and my safe haven. Thank you so much for everything.

"To HMSO, Chief Clerk's, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, I thank you so much for all your hard work and for putting up with me and all the work that I end up engendering. A special thanks to Ali and Michael in HMSO. Thank you both also for putting up with me, our committee's workload and the volume, and to the two of you for doing such an amazing job in facilitating the Labor and Consumer Protection & Commerce Committees' work.

"I'd also like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as a chair for these past six years. You've allowed me to pursue an array of ambitious reforms and sometimes outside the box ideas. To all my past vice chairs, thank you for your support and help.

"As I look at each member, I realize that I've learned a lot, something from each of you and every one of you. And on a lighter note, some notable examples include frugality from Matayoshi, street smarts from Stace, and constancy from my friend of over 28 years, Lisa. My current vice chair has been everything from my high school student government comrade and debate foe, she's very good at debate, to my fastest canvasser in one of my roughest dog-filled precincts.

"To my neighboring area colleagues, it's been a real privilege to serve alongside of you. Moanalua and Aiea is such a special region, and your partnership to strengthen this region and its diverse communities has left an indelible imprint on me and our community. *Mahalo* to the CIP and FIN Chair for helping us to build up our communities and for the many projects that will benefit this region for generations to come.

"To Nishimoto, Della, Nakashima, Dee, Onishi, and so many others, thank you for adopting me into the family. And to Saiki and Sylvia, your friendship has been both professionally and personally life changing, and I'll be forever grateful.

"I've always believed that to whom much is given, much is required. And I've endeavored to give my all to this incredible opportunity. And as this season of service in the House of Representatives comes to a close, I'm looking forward to giving my all to other worthy endeavors.

"For nearly two decades, my family has fully supported my seemingly crazy aspirations, and that support has allowed me to chase my dreams while working at the White House, the U.S. Treasury, and the Hawaii State Legislature. Each time I utter my plans, my faithful parents would respond with the same unwavering support, even if I could tell that they were secretly thinking, where does our only son come up with these absolutely crazy ideas? I wouldn't be here without them, and I'm looking forward to reciprocating that support and being there for them with my all in this next season of their lives.

"To my friends, my volunteers and supporters, people like Wally Naito and Kosei Yamane who maintain their exquisitely detailed Japanese wooden fences who would desecrate them every election cycle by literally nailing my signs to these beautiful fences, to the many volunteers who have canvassed tens of thousands of pieces, and especially to the folks who would stand on the side of the road with me for the activity and the only campaign activity that I really, really, really do not care for, I'm so grateful and wouldn't be here without their support.

"And most of all, thank you so much to the amazing people of Moanalua Gardens, Foster Village, Aiea, Lower Pearlridge, Red Hill, Aliamanu, and Fort Shafter. You've given me the privilege of a lifetime to represent you for the past 12 years. Thank you to the many community leaders who faithfully serve our region and inspire me every day to be a better leader with their tireless work on behalf of our community. To the people of my district and my region, I say thank you for your support, your grace, and your friendship. I am truly, truly blessed to hail from such a special area.

"And to all of you who remain to carry on the good work of the House, I wish you nothing but the best and hope that no matter what unexpected events come your way, the result, like my tie, will simply be an adding to your character and the character of the body. It's been an incredible 12 years and thank you all so much for everything."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Class of 2008, who served as chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, who is one of the most unflappable members of the House who nothing fazes even when his bills are leveraged or killed, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Yamane on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Aquino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know whose idea it was for this guy to give me my leis but thank you very much. First and foremost, a big *mahalo* to the people of Waipahu, who afforded me this amazing honor and privilege to serve in the House since 2008. It's been a struggle to find the right words for today. But what I can say for certain is that it's been a blessing and an honor to serve alongside all of you, Mr. Speaker.

"Being around for nearly 14 years, there's a certainty that you'll pick up things along the way that are teachable and meaningful memories and moments. I've learned so many lessons, too many to count. But the ones that I would like to share are lessons on the institution, about humility, self-control, collaboration, and perseverance.

"From the floor sessions where freshmen members are called upon to answer questions from the Speaker at any time of the session to test your institutional knowledge and to make sure that you're paying attention, to getting your bill held in committee. I would like to thank former Representative Jerry Chang for that teachable moment in humility. As a freshman, he introduced me to the vote to hold. Long story short, he heard one of my bills in his committee, Higher Ed I believe, and voted to hold. I'm a freshman at the time, my very first session. In fact, I didn't know what that was. I really thought it was a good thing. But I found out that it was not. What a way to get introduced to the legislative process, Mr. Speaker. *Mahalo*, Jerry, for that.

"In my early days in the House, the old timers always shared that we needed to learn to pick and choose our battles and to choose wisely, and to distinguish the differences between needs and wants. It is something that I've held on to and shared with our younger members over time. Oh, and here's another lesson that I learned, Mr. Speaker. If you're planning to vote no on a bill, please make sure that the Speaker is not on the text thread.

"I've also learned that we're all public servants and we never get to serve in this chamber without the help and support of many people. I would like to recognize them at this time. *Mahalo* to the Chief Clerk's Office, Printshop, Sergeant's office, and the custodial staff for always taking good care of us. Thank you to the HMSO staff and the LRB office for working with my office over the years. *Mahalo* to all of you.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker and your predecessors, for the opportunity to serve as a committee chair for several committees. And you, Mr. Speaker, allowing me to serve as co-convenor of the Filipino Legislative Caucus for the last several years. A very special *mahalo* to Speaker Say for trusting me as a sophomore to head a committee for my first time and having confidence in my abilities. I'd also like to express my appreciation for our colleagues of today and the past, as I've mentioned earlier. Whether you know it or not, each of you have played an impactful role in my experience here. I value each and every one of you.

"My hope for all of us sitting here today on the floor is that we continue our own journeys, whether it's in our current capacities or elsewhere, in the spirit of service. Let's continue to do our very best on behalf of our people and our great state. My best wishes to all of you. And *mahalo* for the memories.

"In particular, I'd like to wish my last classmate standing from the class of 2008, the good Representative from the Big Island who also chairs the Judiciary Committee, all the best. Don't let these younger guys push you around and make you go faster.

"A special *mahalo* and shout out to my amigos, the Representative from Waipio Gentry and our former colleague from the 39th House District. Thank you for your friendships and hard work over the years. Who would have thought, Mr. Speaker, that a three-member faction could play a role in this 51-body chamber? Maybe our friends in the minority can take notes. Thank you, Gene.

"Kidding aside, *mahalo* to my friend from the 37th District. Despite the harassment, bad ethnic jokes, and putting up with his emotional side, I'm truly grateful for our brotherhood. As the good Representative from Kauai once said, sometimes you want to hug 'em, sometimes you want to choke 'em. *Mahalo*, Rep. Yamane.

"A special acknowledgment of thanks to my office staff headed by my office manager, Maureen Andrade, please stand. She's been with me from the very beginning. Thank you so much. *Mahalo* to my session staff, Jayne Nantkes and Raniele Reyes, please stand. I'm truly grateful for your hard work, commitment, and service to the 38th House District.

"A very special acknowledgment for my parents. As some of you may know, in 2019 I lost my father after a short and fierce battle with lung cancer. He was my rock, Mr. Speaker, and I just hope I made him proud. Lastly, a

very special *mahalo* to my family, especially my wife, Cyndi. I think she's still here. Cyndi, please stand. Thank you for always supporting me and the family. Definitely would not be here without your love, patience, and sacrifices. Thank you and I love you very much.

"I'd like to close with scripture as a prayer reminder for all of us. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9. Let's keep working hard no matter where we are for the people of our great state. Let's always strive for better in the future. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, it's been a privilege to serve with all of you. *Mahalo*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Bob McDermott, Class of 1996 and Class of 2012, who is the kind of guy who wears his heart on his sleeve, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Matsumoto on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative McDermott: "First of all, I want to thank God for showering me with blessings, including the blessing to be here and serve with all of you. I want to thank the staff all the way from the custodians, everyone in this building up to the Governor's Office. I particularly want to note Sergeant-at-Arms and Tamah-Lani. When I had injured my back, I don't know if you remember, but I certainly do. I was in grave, great pain. I couldn't walk. Poor Representative from Hawaii Kai was trying to lumber me around at 300 lbs., and he wasn't having much success. She made sure I was taken care of, that I could get from point A to point B, and I'll never forget her checking on me constantly.

"Mr. Speaker, you and I have shared probably more time in the past two years in the elevator riding up than we did in the previous 25. And this is a compliment, you are the OG progressive, you are the Dr. Dre of progressives, you're the original. And don't let anybody tell you otherwise because I've seen you in action and you were the original one. Finance Chair, I said my private goodbyes to you, but your kindness will not be forgotten. Majority Leader, same thing, I've grown to have a friendship with you.

"Mr. Speaker, well, I have to keep it short. So, I just want to say I want to acknowledge my brother from another mother, the colleague from Ewa Beach. As he pointed out, there's not much politically we agree on. But we start from that reference point, but we enjoy a good friendship. I call him at times when I am troubled about something, not necessarily political, but going on in life. And I don't know if you follow Ewa Beach politics, but it's still kind of the wild wild west out there. And one time during a reelection campaign, he and I were on the side of the road out by Fort Weaver, thousands of cars coming, and we're arguing, yelling at each other with our big signs up. I guess people thought we were talking about politics, we were arguing about Catholic doctrine. It's a true story.

"I want to talk about my minority members. Val, first time I met you, I saw your million-watt smile and I said, she's a winner. And she had all these people supporting her and I knew she would be successful. And she works hard. And as a mom with two young children, I don't know how you do it. Lauren, they should give you a cape as superwoman because you've got a two-year-old and a five-year-old and I don't know how you do it, plus that long drive in. But you are super organized, extraordinarily talented, and you have taught me, along with the fellow from Moiliili, that you attract a little bit more flies with sugar than vinegar.

"Lastly is my big brother. Well, not lastly, my big brother. I can't talk about him, Mr. Speaker. He is the reason I got elected. So, if you don't like me, you got to blame him, and I'm sure you will. But if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have got elected, and he has been a mentor and a big brother throughout the years. And this is over since 1994, we've known each other. I love him, Mr. Speaker, I have practiced this speech a little bit, and each time I thought about him, I broke down and cried. So, I'm not going to do that.

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, now this is finally. Aside from my staff who I introduced earlier, any success I've had in life or been able to stumble into accidentally is due to my wife, my bride of 36 years. I still hold her hand because I'm afraid someone's going to steal her from me. I've got a mirror, let's face it. A mother of eight, a grandmother to ten. She is the reason that I've been able to do anything. So, honey, thank you. *Aloha* and God bless you all."



At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Class of 2006, who served as chair of the Committee on Government Reform, the Committee on Economic Development & Business, the Committee on Higher Education, and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, who is one of the more multi-dimensional thinkers in the House and someone who never takes things personally, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representative Clark on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative McKelvey: "I guess Representative Clark drew the short straw. I'm joking, thank you so much, Representative, I greatly appreciate it. And true to my style, I dropped my certificate. Well, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, to quote the band the Grateful Dead, what a long strange trip it has been. 2006 was a really different place. I got sucked into politics because I was ticked off at the fact that the money, the CIP for West Maui had died in the House yet again. And so, I decided, you know what, I can either complain, I can get mad about it, or I can do something about it. I can go and try to make a difference. I can leave the place I love to come into a place I only spent time as a staffer before and had seen it from that view.

"And you think as a staffer, you're like, wow, I would never do what these guys are doing in a million years. I like being able to go to the grocery store and not get yelled at. But I knew it was for a greater cause. A cause, I think, that binds all of us, because we wanted to take care of our community, our family, our friends, the people who mean the most to us. We want to see them be lifted up by the work that is done in a place, for me on Maui, that is far away.

"And so, with that, I came over here and what an experience it was. I was lucky to be part of a class of unprecedented size of 13 members, including you, Representative Ward, as a returning quasi-freshman. And at that time the State House, when we came in, the average age was well above our years. I mean, Sharon, we were what, the young under 40 crowd, Della, these upstarts coming into the State House of Representatives. I look at my younger colleagues now and I'm like, wow, you want to talk about upstarts? But we all came in and from the word go it was a bang.

"And we were blessed to have many people here to mentor us along the way. For me, it was Bob Nakasone. He took me aside, he looked me up and down, and he threw dried squid on the desk and looked at me, okay, braddah, you going eat this? Are you one local or you one of those loudmouthed Californians from Lahaina I hear about all the time? And from there, a friendship was born between he and I.

"Mr. Speaker, I made a conscious decision to leave this august body and all of you who I love and have enjoyed working with because I wanted to have the honor and privilege of being able to say goodbye. There are so many of our members who've gone before us who were never given that opportunity. I think about my good friend Joe Bertram, who, as one lobbyist said, didn't have a mean bone in his body whatsoever. The kindest, gentlest soul you ever met.

"I think about my dear friend, and I know she would be so proud of us today for what we've done for the Native Hawaiian community, Representative Mele Carroll, who left this earth not seeing what she worked so hard for over the years. Tirelessly just trying to better the lives of her people. I think she looks down upon us today.

"And I learned a lot with my freshman class. We discovered that, wow, there's 13 of us, we might actually be able to effect change right away. And we had the Speaker of the House and the potential speaker come and address us. And we became quite tight knit from the word go. And we had quite the amazing stories and adventures. Jimmy, I remember the *kanalua* vote. We were like, what's *kanalua* mean? Oh, it simply means you pass until the final round. And Jimmy goes, I'll tell you what *kanalua* means, it means you have no guts, except he didn't use the word guts.

"Sharon, you and I have been colleagues in arms on voting no against claims against the State more often I think than any legislators in history. And while it became a badge of honor through thick and thin to do it, I think it also was a statement of the values that we always tried to keep throughout the years. To maintain, to be true to the average folks out there. To make sure that when the decisions are made, they're not made in the best interest of upstairs or down the street, but in our homes and our towns.

"I want to also go ahead and I want to thank my family. And I want to thank my lovely wife, Val, she has been through a lot with me, she's been there for me. And we've had quite spiritual discussions and political ones. And she reminds me to, hey, you do it for us and for the people like us, our friends. You don't do it for the people who have private jets, you do it for regular folk.

"I also want to go ahead and I want to remember somebody who was with me, who was like, you go, Angus, you run and do this, who was my steadfast champion. One who every time I'd come home on the weekend, she would listen with just absolute interest at every little nuance and turn in this building, every decision, every back story. And that I lost her just this last year, it's my mom. And many of you knew her. She was not only a source of inspiration to me and a guiding foundation, a rock, but she was to the town I live in and my community. And it was very hard for me losing her. I think I'm finally grieving for her right now. But I know the decision I'm making to move forward in my life is the decision that she would have said, if she had been here sitting next to me. And of course, you know her, those who knew her, she would insist she be sitting on this floor right now with a lei on. And she would be like, right, it's time to move on, Angus, and serve your community in a bigger way. Because you've done the work for your community here and you meant a lot to us, but you need to try to see, you can do more, what you can do for everybody in this town.

"And I may not be successful. We, none of us may be. We serve at the will of our community and they may not support us in our endeavors. But I can tell you this, that no matter what we do in life moving on, I know it'll be a richer experience. I know that we will have had qualities that we now carry with us that were made because of our friendships. We've broken bread together and we've crossed swords together. We've laughed together, we've cried together. We have faced the onslaught of communities. We talked about the session of marriage equality, which was the most chaotic, inspirational thing I'd ever seen. We talked about Superferry, where we had people in droves in and out of the building like you wouldn't believe.

"We talked about the little things, the big things. Things that at the time we thought was going to change the world and in 10 years you're like, whatever happened to that bill or law? And little things that we did, especially during the pandemic, that made a huge difference in people's lives. And I think that's really what has continuing to try to do something bigger and better, helping people with their UI, such a *manini* thing, you'd think. Helping to give them money to get the resources they need so they wouldn't starve was so important to me, I can't tell you. To get emails from a mother saying thank you for your help, because of that my kids will have food this Christmas, they will have presents.

"And Mr. Speaker, through this journey, when I first came in here, I was very blessed to have an amazing office manager. And she came in and she was like, wow, what did I get stuck with this haole guy here? And Wendee Wilson taught me a lot. And she was my rock and she worked hard. And she became a friend and a family to me. And it was kind of fitting, as we come full circle in many things, that she came to work with me yet again. And I definitely could not have done it without her. And I know going forward I won't be able to do it without her and her family. Her son, Kamana, it was funny when I first came in, was a little kid, smart, intelligent, playing video games on his computer. And now he's a grown, young, articulate man who's playing video games on his computer.

"Oh, and finally again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you. And I want to thank Sylvia. And I want to thank Della. Dee, how many text messages did you get? Yes, no, up, down, pull the green slip, no, maybe. I appreciate Nadine. I think Takashi really said it the best. There are people who are doing amazing things to actually move the needle like they've never been moved. And I thank you for everything you've done because I profoundly have seen change that I didn't think would ever happen. To stop the broken record we all hear every election year.

"I want to thank my Republican colleagues. Val, Bob over there made me feel uncomfortable in an elevator several times. And Gene, of course, you, my brother from another mother, the voice of the conscience in my committee and a statesman. Many times I was not the most pleasant chair and was abrupt and quick with you and we had our battles, but you were always there to shake hands and to be the bigger person and to remain friends. And I appreciate all of you. You've added a strong voice to representation of Hawaii, a counterview that needs to be represented.

"And to all the young reps I've gotten to know, and what really sucks about this COVID thing is I lost a year to really get to know you better. But I'm absolutely blown away by all you already. Just last night, to put a skit together in 5 minutes. It took what, Sharon, Jimmy, what, us a week and a half and we still couldn't get it right, Della. You guys have incredible courage, fortitude. You're not afraid to make the tough decisions, you're grounded, and I hope that you will stick with this because you are needed now more than ever. And I know if my mom was here, she'd be like, right, especially to see strong, young, independent women in politics. Both my senior members who've served with me, like Nicole, to Jeanne, to Lisa, all of you, she would be so proud of you because she was one who had to shatter glass ceilings that were impenetrable at her time. And to know that you were here and continuing to make a difference and fight for true representation would make her proud. So that's all I really have to say. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I thank my community. I thank my island. My watch has ended. *Aloha.*"

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Sylvia Luke, Class of 1998, who served as chair of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Judiciary, who will go down as the greatest Finance chair in state history, and who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Nishimoto and Yamashita on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Luke: "I was kind of crying until Nishimoto made a snarky remark, and I'm so glad I'm leaving because I don't have to deal with his snarky remarks daily, although he probably will call me at 10:00 a.m. when he wakes up to give me smart, snarky remarks. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank my family, especially my husband and my son, Logan. As you know, family members make sacrifices so that we can be here. And so, if there's family members up there, if you could stand. Come on, I see you Val, family members stand. Nobody wants to take me up. The one who is not standing is my husband, see, now you know my pain.

"And I want to thank my staff, all my present and prior staff for making us all better people. And I'm trying to get the Speaker to cry, but he has a heart of stone so he's not going to cry, so I'm going to keep trying until he's going to shed some tear. My heartfelt gratitude to the residents of my district for giving me the honor to represent them the last 24 years. I took my first oath of office when I was just 30 years old, and I thought I was young then. Imagine all the young representatives here today, Representative Tam, Representative Gates, Representative Kapela, all those others and all the semi-young ones like Matayoshi, Lisa, and Stace. You folks inspire me. I thought I was young then. But to be filled in a chamber with young legislators like Greggor and all you folks, Jackson, you folks inspire me.

"And I am thankful for every lesson that I share with all of you folks. During my tenure, we visited so many people, especially on Finance trips. We went to Lanai, we went to Molokai, we went to very remote areas to learn about issues that were important to them and to find solutions for challenges of the future. Every piece of legislation we passed here, every line item in the budget, comes from negotiation and collaboration. The measures that we have sent to the governor emerged after hours of public engagement and discussion. They were created with input from both chambers and informed by real experiences of all of our communities.

"This year, I'm thankful for our revenues because we were able to pass monumental legislation that will impact the lives of so many people for many years to come. And I think that was only possible, I'm going to take a breath, and that was only possible with the help of each and every one of you from true collaboration, not just with the members of the House, members with the cabinet, members with the Senate, and the ability for all of us to work together. To my colleagues, I feel very privileged to have served alongside every one of you. I'm grateful for the relationships I made. Each of you inspire me to do better and be better. I will treasure our friendships I have made over the years.

"Some of you often ask me, especially Representative Nakamura, how do I do what I do, withstanding many criticisms and carrying the burden of others? That's because I have learned from many of you. Although you don't explicitly live by these four rules, I have watched you and you live by these four rules. And they are, be the first to take the blame, be the last to take the credit, forgive each other often, and forget the wrongs against you. It has truly, it has been an honor to serve with all of you. God bless and *aloha.*"

Speaker Saiki: "Thank you, Representative Luke. Could all of our departing members please stand, all of our nine members? So, to our departing members, thank you. These members take with them collectively 103 years of House service. This group represents the best of us. They have a conscience, they keep their word, they are advocates, they are problem solvers. Some of them have a distorted sense of humor, but they all care and want Hawaii to move forward. The House will not be the same without you. We will miss all of you. On behalf of our entire state, thank you for your work and service and best wishes going forward. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is such a hard act to follow. I'm going to start by just saying, first of all, thank you to all of our staff, the Chief Clerk's Office, in our research offices, in our communications offices, in all of our individual offices. We could not do this work without you. This work that over the last two years has been some of the most challenging work that has been done by a state legislature.

"So, again, hard act to follow all of those speeches. Since 2018, for the last five years, I have struggled with opening and closing day speeches. Today, the speech is no different and is no exception. It is even harder because of the tremendous change that this body will undergo, as demonstrated by the speeches that have preceded mine today. So, here's a little insight. There's probably a little bit of a formula to these closing day speeches. We talk about all the tough issues that we worked on. We talk about the promises that were delivered. And we talk about how democracy is a work in progress.

"We know that this session has been unprecedented, historic, consequential, a banner year. These are just some of the words that have been used to describe this session. I'm going to allow the next two speakers to talk about the things that we accomplished. I want to focus my speech on the moments that are the in-betweens and how democracy is, in fact, a work in progress.

"For me, the in-betweens are the most important moments in this place. These are the moments in between everything that we do that the public never sees. These are the moments when we fight fiercely. I'm going to break protocol because everyone has been doing it all day. Representative Nishimoto, these are the moments when we fight fiercely. Representative Mizuno, when we struggle with negotiations. And for all of you, when we either cry with one another or laugh deeply together, because at the end of the day, we are humans and we feel the burdens and the slings of our jobs. And in many ways, we understand those burdens that each one of us carries. And I hope it's those in-between moments when we are friends, despite the words and the tempers that might flare, and the factions that we may be in. But we are friends. And that is the most important thing.

"I want to talk about those in-between moments, when you connect with the people you serve and you realize that the work that you are doing makes all the difference in the world. I'm reminded by this because of something that Representative Holt talked about yesterday, how he read testimony from Hema Watson and noted the historic moment we were investing finally in our Native Hawaiian *keiki* and future.

"For me, those constituents were Willy Shum and John Kimmell II during the marriage equality debates, and I was so privileged to be able to attend their marriage after we passed that historic law. For me it was Jari and MJ Sugano, the reason why we struggled to pass medical cannabis dispensaries, decades after we had already passed and legalized medical cannabis. I hope for every one of you, and I know you do, you have those in-between moments with your constituents when you know that the work that we do makes all the difference.

"The third in-between moment I want to talk about, and I wish this for all of you, it's that in-between moment when you find that mentor who helps guide you through the legislative process. Through the turbulent waters you know that we also went through each and every day of the 60 days of a legislative session. And each and every day of a busy interim, especially when you are given assignments and you take them on gladly.

"I have had one of those mentors. And I didn't stand up earlier and say it, but I want to quote back to you what she said on my very first opening day.

Now, I want to correct the record a little bit. Some people think that on my first opening day, I was pulled along with these two senior members. And let me tell you, I was going out on my own because I was like that Representative Kapela, who's going to just stand up and speak. And go for it, girl. But I was going to do it anyway, and these two mentors of mine, unbeknownst to me, were going to stand with me. I didn't ask them to stand with me, but they did. Because they understood that a young voice needs support.

"And this one mentor of mine in her speech, and this is what I'm going to take away from her, she said, 'we are all reformist by nature and that's why we run for office, to bring changes that will benefit the public and make government responsive to its people.... Many of us became legislators with hopes and dreams to do great things, solve real problems.'

"And that is what we need in our legislative mentors. I know for some of you, those mentors were Representatives Takamine, Herkes, Nakasone, and Say. And I think we all have to find those mentors, whoever they are. So, for my wish for the younger legislators is that you find those mentors. We're here. But then that you, yourself become a mentor someday.

"I'm going to take those words from my mentor and live by that, if I am so lucky to be able to return. Because we have to, we have to keep doing the work of the people to do great things and solve real problems.

"And I'm going to shift to democracy as a work in progress, because we need to move away and I do have to talk about some substance. For all that we have done this year, democracy is, in fact, a work in progress. We have to build on the historic measures we passed this year. House Bill 2511 connected to the \$600 million consequential appropriation to DHHL to address its decades-long waitlist. We are requiring them to submit a strategic plan about how this assistance will be used and expend this money wisely in three years.

"Senate Bill 2021, \$21.5 million annually to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a one-time \$64 million appropriation to OHA for just a portion of the income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust. But what did we also do? We put in there a working group that is going to have to determine how we allocate funds for the future. This is a political question that we have to continue to work on. Because why? Democracy is a work in progress.

"Mauna Kea, House Bill 2024, there is a five-year transition period in which the new Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority will take over the reins of management and stewardship. Our work is not done there.

"Senate Bill 2473, the reformation of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, where we have reformed ADC, a troubled agency, so that it no longer reflects the plantation days of the past but it has to address the new world so that we can have food security for our people. And I know that some will struggle with the fact that ADC has been transferred to DBEDT, but that is why we must come back. Because it is a work in progress.

"House Bill 1800, Hawaii State Energy Office, where we're asking them to study to determine our pathway to decarbonization and to identify the challenges, opportunities, and actions that need to be taken in the transportation and agriculture sectors. The transitions and actions that need to be built into our state's energy workforce and how we will consider the impacts and mitigation measures to our frontline low-income communities that so often carry a greater burden than other communities as we struggle with climate change.

"House Bill 2000, the \$200 million for the School Facilities Authority to construct new school facilities, and the renovation, and improvement, and expansion of existing school facilities to increase pre-kindergarten student capacity. We have to come back to make sure that they deliver on both of those promises. Democracy is a work in progress.

"House Bill 1579, where we have extended the date of the transfer and transition of the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health to December 2025. Why is that critical? Because we need the continuum of care for our *kūpuna*.

"And finally, Senate Bill 2076, this one is a little bit closer to my heart, it's a sleeper bill. It appropriates \$200 million in federal funds to UH for planning and implementation of broadband statewide. It requires the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office

to convene a working group to determine the appropriate governance structure to implement, operate, and maintain broadband infrastructure development in the state. If we have learned anything from this pandemic, we have learned how important we need to stay connected to one another. So, broadband is going to be another five to ten-year project.

"Members, we have to do all of this. We have so much ahead of us. And yes, we can celebrate those things that we have accomplished, and we should. But there is so much work ahead of us. And I will leave you with this one thing, this one *'ōlelo*. *'A 'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia*. No task is too big when done together by all. That was shared with me by the deputy director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. It is fitting for this day. It is fitting for this moment. And my *aloha* to all of you, because I know wherever we are in this state that this body of 51 and the bonds that we have created will take us to a future that is brighter, where there is no task that is too big when done together by all of us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Majority Leader Belatti, for your words. Four years ago, I entered the doors of this building bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, having no prior legislative experience, nor even really knowing what to expect. I am sure many of you witnessed me walking in a complete square to locate my office every day. The one thing I did know back then was that I had a heart to serve the people of Mililani and of our beautiful State of Hawaii. I am grateful that that passion to do so is even stronger today.

"Tradition in the minority dictates that the minority leader should, in a way, rebuke what the majority delivers. That's not my style, that's never been my style. I've learned through these four years that a productive and efficient legislator is not just critical of the other side, but more importantly, respectful and understanding. Republicans, Democrats, Hawaiians, non-Hawaiians, locals, transplants. We are not adversaries, we are *'ohana*. And sometimes *'ohana*, well, we disagree on things. We're all in this *pā'ina* together, and we get to live in the greatest state in the country, our state.

"It was our state that saw the first two Asian-American U.S. senators in Republican Hiram Fong and Democrat Daniel Inouye. It was our state that met the tides of World War II at its doorstep and stood firmly to protect the democracy this country holds so dear. And it is our state that is taking the initiative to correct historical wrongs. The passing of the \$1 billion to our Native Hawaiian community is indeed a monumental moment in our history. And I am proud, as those of us who were able to stand together yesterday, to have been a part of it. To all the Native Hawaiians past, present, and future, while there is still much work to do, your perseverance and grace through these many years will see your people thrive and flourish as they once did. And I believe that with all my heart.

"Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I want to impart on you some final thoughts as we end this legislative session. In a world filled with distractions, it is almost impossible to avoid getting caught up in the things you can't control. When we focus on the things we have no control over, we forget about what's most important, our own backyard. Each one of us here can take another to a place in their district that has deteriorated, been neglected, or abandoned. Places in our own backyards. As you walk your districts and reconnect with your constituents, see if any of those places in your backyard are better than before. If not, then there is still plenty of work to do. And if we spend a little more time cleaning up our yards, the world will be a better place.

"When we feel as if we have no fight left within us, may we remember the words of our dear President Teddy Roosevelt, in one of my favorite speeches, his speech entitled 'The Man in the Arena.' 'It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.'

"I pray that as we depart from this chamber floor today, regardless of what paths we may take, that we will never forget what is most important. And that is taking care of the people in our state, our own backyards. For our people here deserve better than what we have been providing them. May we not sit quietly, timid, and afraid to stand up for what is right, but may we be like the man in the arena, strong, resilient, having integrity and purpose, willing to take risks because nothing great was accomplished by those who simply watch idly. Most importantly, may we love and respect each other regardless of what side of the aisle we sit, our ethnic backgrounds, or which neighborhood we come from. For that is what makes this beautiful state, our State of Hawaii, special. And that is how God has intended us to be. *Mahalo nui loa.*"

Speaker Saiki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"Thank you, Representative Okimoto. The Chair has some brief closing remarks. So, first, thank you to our staff, Sergeant-at-Arms, Office of the Chief Clerk, Printshop, our custodians, the Legislative Reference Bureau, our research offices, and our individual staff offices. Also thank you to the Senate. Thank you to Senate President Kouichi for not being a reactive person and for always staying above the fray so that he can help solve problems. And thank you to all of the members of the Senate for not leveraging all of our bills during conference.

"So, on Wednesday morning at 12:30 a.m., after the adjournment of our Tuesday floor session, I received a text message from a media commentator who has often been critical of the Legislature. And the text read, 'thanks, I understand the Legislature has delivered real results for real people, 100%.' As we know, that text is completely accurate. And the credit goes to each and every member of this body.

"When you take a step back, there was no guarantee that this session would end the way that it did. And that is because in the past two years, every conceivable obstacle has been thrown at all of us. But you were resilient, and you overcame all of the hurdles to deliver real results for real people. A \$1 billion housing package that targets those in need, Hawaiian home land beneficiaries, families earning less than \$100,000, homeless persons. An \$18 minimum wage, plus an increased working family's tax credit that will result in an additional \$30,000 in income for a family of four. The closure of Red Hill. A tax rebate of \$250 million for Hawaii taxpayers. Mutual stewardship on Mauna Kea. And child welfare services, especially for foster kids and for adoptions. You know that our list this year is just too long to repeat.

"When we opened our session on January 19, I quoted from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech that he gave here in the House of Representatives 62 years ago. His call for justice, cultural justice, environmental justice, and economic justice, resonates today. And your work has met Dr. King's call in a significant way. The bottom line is this, you have shifted the arc of justice in Hawaii in just one year.

"Yesterday at the Hawaiian Caucus event, I mentioned that I view this legislative session as a breakthrough. It was a breakthrough because the Legislature envisioned the possible and then implemented it. In the process, you were unafraid to take on the most complicated and controversial issues. This is exactly how a legislature should operate. And as a result of your work, hundreds of thousands of people will have opportunity and a better chance in our state. So, thank you for your work and have a great summer."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Representative Belatti moved that the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Okimoto.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 1:18 p.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 2022, adjourned Sine Die. (Representative Har was excused.)

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 5, 2022, 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. 1147, SD 1, CD 1  
H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2  
H.B. No. 2466, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1  
H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1  
H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2  
S.B. No. 2218, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2  
S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2

House Communication dated May 5, 2022, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and has this day adopted the following House Concurrent Resolution:

H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1

#### SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 948 through 959) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 948, transmitting H.C.R. No. 14, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MADEIRA, PORTUGAL," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 949, transmitting H.C.R. No. 69, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 950, transmitting H.C.R. No. 75, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND PARTNERS TO UTILIZE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 45-230 KULAULI STREET, KANEOHE, HAWAII, FOR AQUACULTURE PURPOSES THAT WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULAR USE OF THE PROPERTY," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 951, transmitting H.C.R. No. 92, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ASSIST COFFEE FARMERS IN PURCHASING ORGANIC FERTILIZER TO PREVENT COFFEE LEAF RUST," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 952, transmitting H.C.R. No. 111, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SERVICES AT THE WAI'ANAE CONVENIENCE CENTER," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 953, transmitting H.C.R. No. 166, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A HAWAII COMMISSION ON THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BY EXECUTIVE ORDER," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 954, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on May 3, 2022 reconsidered its action taken on April 20, 2022 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolution and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolution has this day been Adopted:

S.C.R. No. 26, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 955, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on May 3, 2022 reconsidered its action taken on April 25, 2022 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following

Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolutions have this day been Adopted:

S.C.R. No. 1, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 34, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 35, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 61, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 102, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 178, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 205, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 217, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 956, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on May 3, 2022 reconsidered its action taken on April 26, 2022 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolutions have this day been Adopted:

S.C.R. No. 41, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 63, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 108, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 120, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 133, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 138, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 161, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 215, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.C.R. No. 216, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 957, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on May 3, 2022, reconsidered its action taken on April 8, 2022, 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. 3072, SD 2, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 958, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the Senate has on May 3, 2022, reconsidered its action taken on April 14, 2022, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said bills have this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2782, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2790, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 3338, SD 2, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 959, dated May 5, 2022, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1147, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 1800, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
 H.B. No. 2424, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2  
 H.B. No. 2466, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 2511, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1  
 H.B. No. 2512, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2  
 S.B. No. 514, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2  
 S.B. No. 2218, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2  
 S.B. No. 3048, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2

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

S.R. No. 222, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," which was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2022.

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