

SIXTIETH DAY

Thursday, May 4, 2023

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 10:10 a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Adrian K. Tam, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Lowen and Martinez, who were excused.

Representative Morikawa moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal of the Thirty-Seventh through Forty-Sixth Days and approve the same as through read throughout, seconded by Representative Garcia.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise with a no vote. First time historically ever on this particular move. I do so for two reasons, Mr. Speaker. I, a number of days ago, spoke about usurpation of OHA's property rights on Kaka'ako Makai. I was told by leadership, either, Ward, you withdraw your speech, or it'll be expunged from the record. Mr. Speaker, this Journal that we're saying should pass, expunges that speech.

"Number two, at a different time, in a different speech, in a different situation, but comparable to Hawaiian rights, I used the word 'cancel culture.' That too, Mr. Speaker, was brought to the attention of the Speaker and it was stricken from the record. So, for those two reasons, Mr. Speaker, I don't think it's worthwhile to say that these remarks are not worthy of going into the record of the 2023 session. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the Thirty-Seventh, Thirty-Eighth, Thirty-Ninth, Fortieth, Forty-First, Forty-Second, Forty-Third, Forty-Fourth, Forty-Fifth, and Forty-Sixth Days were approved. (Representative Ward voted no, and Representatives Lowen and Martinez were excused.)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 993 and 994) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 993, dated May 2, 2023, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 11, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 24, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 153, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 161, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 192, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 217, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 218, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 307, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 339, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 349, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 369, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 388, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 463, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 475, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 478, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 494, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 503, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 541, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 579, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 674, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 675, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 692, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 695, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 704, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 710, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 717, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 777, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 781, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 884, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 923, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 950, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 954, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 961, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 972, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 973, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 978, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 986, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1027, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1037, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1045, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1079, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1082, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1088, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1090, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1091, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1101, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1134, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1183, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1184, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1294, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1329, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1363, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1502, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1509, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 7, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 19, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 51, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 105, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 109, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 110, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 141, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 151, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 162, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 182, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 193, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 203, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 210, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 211, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 214, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 390, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 410, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 473, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 478, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 483, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 497, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 516, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 531, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 599, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 602, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 637, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 655, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 691, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 696, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 712, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 726, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 729, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 732, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 746, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 759, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 764, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 798, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 799, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 811, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 930, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 933, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 944, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 966, HD 1, CD 1

S.B. No. 968, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1022, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1024, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1057, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1079, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1086, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1151, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1166, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1189, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1230, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1232, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1254, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1313, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1327, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1340, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1344, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1357, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1373, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1378, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1381, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1383, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1391, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1437, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1468, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1493, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1502, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1518, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 994, dated May 2, 2023, informing the House that the Senate has this day overridden the Governor's veto of the following bill by a two-thirds vote of all the members to which the Senate is entitled:

S.B. No. 921 Gov. Msg. No. 1128

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 379 through 432) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 379, from the Department of Public Safety, dated November 29, 2022, transmitting the Department of Public Safety Annual Report FY 2022, pursuant to Act 212, SLH 2018.

Dept. Com. No. 380, from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, dated January 31, 2023, transmitting the A Review of the Current Status of Data Collection, Processing, Retention, Sharing Procedures, Needs, Challenges, and Reporting on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Data, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 5 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 381, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 18, 2023, transmitting the DOH Hawai'i BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for November 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 382, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 18, 2023, transmitting the DOH Hawai'i BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report December 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 383, from Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, dated February 15, 2023, transmitting a report on a data security incident, pursuant to Sections 487N-4 and 487J-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 384, from the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, received on February 16, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Annual Audit and Report for FY2022, pursuant to Chapter 323F, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 385, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 16, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i DHS Med-QUEST Division Health Analytics Program Final IV&V Status Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 386, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 16, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i DHS Systems

Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 387, from the Office of the Ombudsman, dated February 21, 2023, transmitting the Office of the Ombudsman Report Number 53 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022), pursuant to Sections 93-16 and 96-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 388, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated February 22, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation 2022 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 201H-21, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 389, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 1, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization (BRM) Project Monthly IV&V Review Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Department of Health, dated March 3, 2023, transmitting a report concerning a security breach, pursuant to Section 487N-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 8, 2023, transmitting the Office of the Auditor 2022 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 23-9, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 7, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 10, 2023, transmitting Report No. 23-05, Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2023, pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 13, 2023, transmitting Report No. 23-04, Audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, pursuant to Section 10-14.55, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated March 14, 2023, transmitting the report, Economic Impact of Domestic Out-of-State Students in Hawai'i Calendar Year 2021, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 21, SD 1 (2022).

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i DHS Systems Modernization Project Final IV&V Status Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the DOH Hawai'i BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 398, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the DOH Hawai'i BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 399, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 20, 2022, transmitting the Hawai'i Community-Based Economic Development Technical and Financial Assistance Program FY 2022 Annual & Financial Reports, pursuant to Section 201D-14, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 400, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 13, 2023, transmitting the State of Hawai'i Offices in Taipei and Beijing December 2022 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 201-84, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 401, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 19, 2022, transmitting the report, State of Hawai'i Sister-States December 2022, pursuant to Act 150, SLH 2006.

Dept. Com. No. 402, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated December 20, 2022, transmitting the

Hawai'i Enterprise Zones Program Calendar Year Report for Tax Year 2021, pursuant to Section 209E-3(5), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 403, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 21, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i DHS Med-QUEST Division Health Analytics Program Final IV&V Status Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 404, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 22, 2023, transmitting the DOT Highways Division Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project IV&V Report for January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 405, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 24, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Hawai'i Electronic Case Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for November 2022, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 406, from the Department of Human Services, dated March 24, 2023, 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. 407, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 24, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 408, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 28, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 28, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 29, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization (BRM) Project Monthly IV&V Review Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 30, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Education, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 412, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 31, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 413, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated January 23, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i Community Development Authority 2022 Annual Report, pursuant to Sections 206E-19 and 206E-267, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 414, from the Department of Transportation, dated April 4, 2023, transmitting the Report Relating to Government Operations, pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999.

Dept. Com. No. 415, from the University of Hawai'i, dated April 6, 2023, transmitting the Report on Data Exposure at the UH Maui College, pursuant to Section 487N-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 416, from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, dated April 4, 2023, transmitting the Aloha Stadium 2022 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 206E-226, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 417, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 10, 2023, transmitting Report No. 23-06, Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 418, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 10, 2023, transmitting the DOT Highways Division Implementation of the Highways Financial Management System Project IV&V Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 419, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 12, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Health, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 420, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 13, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 421, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Hawai'i Electronic Case Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for December 2022 and January 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 422, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Hawai'i Electronic Case Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for February 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 423, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated April 19, 2023, transmitting the 2022 Listing of Opinions Issued by the Attorney General, pursuant to Section 28-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 424, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 19, 2023, transmitting the DOH Hawai'i BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report – Phase 3 Final IV&V Report for March 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 425, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 426, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 427, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i DHS Systems Modernization Project Report for March 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 428, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 24, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of the Attorney General, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 429, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 24, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization (BRM) Project Monthly IV&V Review Report for March 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 430, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 25, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 431, from the State Procurement Office, dated December 28, 2022, transmitting the Procurement Consolidation Working Group Interim Report, pursuant to Act 282, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 432, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 28, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project IV&V Monthly Status Report for March 2023, pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following judiciary communications (Jud. Com. Nos. 25 through 27) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 25, dated February 21, 2023, transmitting the report of administratively established new accounts for Appropriation No. S-23-253-J State Court Improvement Program FY23, pursuant to Section 37-52.5(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 26, dated March 1, 2023, transmitting the annual wiretap report, pursuant to Section 803-47(b), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 27, dated April 13, 2023, transmitting the 2022 Hawai'i State Judiciary Annual Report, pursuant to Section 601-2(a), HRS.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kong introduced Aiea residents: David and Lorna Strand.

Representative Amato introduced House Majority Research Office staff: Sara Griffiths, Pamela Gerega, Dianne Heath, and Nelta Aien.

Representative Perruso introduced her staff: Isis Osborne, Kaiakahinalii Kaopua-Canonigo, Yvonne Yoro, and Tina Grandinetti; her husband, John Mackey; and Ania Wieczorek, interim dean and director, University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Representative Takayama introduced his staff, Keone Hurdle.

Representative Nishimoto introduced his staff: Kylie Tokujo, Sherry Tanaka, and Taylor Date.

Representative Poepoe introduced her staff: Charlotte Farmer, Sheila Ringor, and Pualani Tupper.

Representative Kapela introduced Mitzie Higa and Laverne Moore from HSTA.

Representative Pierick introduced his staff, Blake Boyd.

Representative Ward introduced Henry Curtis from Life of the Land.

Representative Ilagan introduced his staff: Nicky Watts, Krista Aoki, and Alexey Katko; and House Communications staff: Brecann Joaquin and Alexandra Kahn.

Representative Matsumoto introduced House Minority Research Office staff: Peter Claproph, Kyle Mina, Tom Kuntz, Kyle Shiroma, Sarah Frank, and John Hawelu.

Representative La Chica introduced Lola Irvine and Katie Inouye from the Department of Health.

Representative Ganaden introduced his constituent, Angela Young.

Representative Hussey-Burdick introduced Kat Brady, correctional justice reform advocate; and Mike Golojuch Jr., LGBT rights advocate.

At 10:24 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Lowen and Martinez were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 and H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of House Bill 300, CD 1. First of all, I'd like to thank a few people. First of all, our vice chair of Finance for all her hard work, her assistance, and her input through the process. Thank you so much for everything. I really do.

"And then secondly, I would like to thank, of course, our CIP chairman who this year was his first year. And I know the amount of work that needs to go into it because I've done it myself. But he had a daunting task where,

this was a record year as the money that was put into the CIP budget. And he had to make tough choices. And I think he did a wonderful job of balancing it throughout the whole state. So, I appreciate your work also.

"And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to also thank the members of the Finance Committee who did put in long hours throughout the process. And I really do thank you for your input and your support through the whole process. Mr. Speaker, I don't have their district numbers, but could I insert their names. Thank you. [Finance Committee members: Representatives Aiu, Chun, Cochran, Garrett, Kahaloa, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Morikawa, Poepoe, Takenouchi, Ward, and Alcos.]

"And then also I'd like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and your leadership team, the vice speaker, the majority leader, and also the majority floor leader for their input through the process. And the majority floor leader did double duty, she also sat on the Finance Committee. So, thank you very much.

"And then, of course, we'd like to thank the Finance staff. They're not in the audience today. So, we'd like to thank from research, we have our research chief, Randall Hiyoto, our research supervisor, Stacey Tagala, and then Francis Empeno, Cindy Ng, and Razel Dalofin. And in the budget office I'd like to thank also the budget chief, Jon Kawamura, and assisting him was Rebekah Kim, Kristine Reitan, Heath Williams, who is our CIP specialist, and then David Liao, Jaymie Nakama, and Jadine Wong.

"And then also in our front office, I'd like to thank my office manager, Lois Tambalo. And also in the front office there was Joy Nakashima, who pulled double duty and worked in the front as well as assisting in the research office. And then Marlin Lee Ling and Nikko San Morales, who helped us through logistics to help us get our work done through the process. All of them put in a lot of long hours, and I appreciate all of them. Some of them worked through the night sometimes and got very, very little sleep. And so, I'd like to thank them publicly for all their hard work.

"And of course, last but not least, Nandana Kalupahana, our committee clerk, who, of course, is the backbone of the Finance Committee with all his knowledge and all the years of servicing this House of Representatives as the committee clerk. So, I'd like to thank him. There were days where he just worked straight through and took catnaps here and there and when he could, he would go home and do whatever. So, I'd like to thank him.

"Mr. Speaker, we have an aggressive yet cautious, optimistic approach to building this budget. Enormous federal money that helped us all to survive the pandemic has created unintended consequences for all the states. Government has a rare amount of money and a rare amount of resources. If strategically spent well, this can pay dividends for future legislatures.

"This budget focuses on healing and investing in our future. This budget increases Medicaid reimbursement rates to 100% of Medicare rates by providing over \$72 million to our health care industries. This is an increase to the base budget that will benefit lower-income families with more access to health care."

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

Representative Yamashita continued, stating:

"Thank you very much. A 2019 report showed that Hawai'i is 42nd among all the states in Medicaid reimbursements rates to doctors and other medical providers. This change will vault us into the top five states of this reimbursement.

"This budget also provides \$100 million to agencies responsible for healing of our natural resources by fixing our parks and beaches, rejuvenating our conservation and preservation lands, supporting our aquatic resources.

"Another base budget adjustment, the addition of \$38.8 million to the Preschool Open Doors program that will allow it to expand public and private preschool early learning opportunities to three-year-olds. In another bill, we provided \$2 million to help 220 childcare providers to get financial and technical assistance they need for accreditation to receive POD and other funding streams. This will in turn make their operations more stable and increase the supply of child care and early learning seats statewide.

"We have invested over \$300 million to increase our inventory of affordable housing and providing various supportive housing services for low and the middle class.

"Those are just four examples of how we have set up the state budget for decades of success.

"Mr. Speaker, this budget strikes a responsible balance between the needs of today and building a strong foundation for tomorrow. As you know, this is a biennium budget, so your Committee on Finance intends to work through the interim to continue discussions with your chairs, the departments, and others involved to continue refining the budgets of all departments, increasing performance analysis to improve outcomes, and also a deeper dive into our tax code.

"Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to insert the comments that I made on House Bill 300, HD 1 on third reading. And also, I'd like to insert further comments into the Journal adding additional highlights and other examples of meeting the needs of building a strong foundation for tomorrow. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, the 2023 majority package placed a heavy emphasis on health and welfare. The health of our children, and the welfare of our most vulnerable.

"Along with a package of bills that will increase the food / excise tax credit, the earned income tax credit, and the dependent and child care tax credit, providing tens of millions of dollars back to our most vulnerable families, this budget provides:

- \$7 million in FY24 & FY25 for Hawai'i Keiki: Health & Ready to Learn including mental health components;
- \$1 million and 2.0 FTE in FY24 & FY25 for youth suicide awareness and prevention protocol pursuant to Act 270, SLH 2019;
- \$5 million for mental health services for public school students in FY24 and FY25;
- \$15 million in FY24 & \$10 million in FY25 for Behavioral Analysis Services contracted costs;
- \$10 million to replace aging equipment and address soil contamination at multiple schools;
- \$3.3 million in FY24 and \$4,500,000 in FY25 for the Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program;
- \$1.7 million in both years for physical and mental health services that ensure all students have on-demand, scheduled care, treatment planning, and care management;
- 6.0 perm district educational specialists to support mental health;
- Supports the Safe Spaces Program by providing \$71,016 and 1 FTE; and \$800,000 in FY24 and FY25 for contracted services;
- Enhances child protective services and support for child care by adding:
 - \$14,407,441 in FY24 and \$13,167,756 in FY25 for core program needs;
 - \$2,450,000 per year for enhanced contract services;
 - \$1,809,461 in FY24 for increased operational support; and
 - \$468,894 in FY24 /\$435,816 in FY25 with federal matching funds for salary differentials to retain highly trained employees.

"These priorities, and more, are reflected in the House draft of the budget and the package of bills developed by the House.

"At the same time, the March 2023 Council on Revenues fired a warning shot across our bow. We were forced to pay attention as a seemingly small adjustment in our revenue projection rippled out to cause a \$1.2 billion loss in revenue by the end of the biennium for which we are budgeting. Yet, we were able to craft a final CDI of the budget that retains the fundamental goals of the House majority package.

"In order to show bond rating agencies, who control the state's credit rating, that we are not haphazardly spending our surplus, the House insisted on two things to shore up the structural stability of the budget:

1. Adding an additional \$500 million to our rainy day fund, taking our reserve balance to over \$2 billion; and
2. Setting aside at least \$200 million to fix our decaying infrastructure in schools, university facilities, hospitals, prisons, and numerous other state buildings.

"Mr. Speaker, please recall that, hand in hand with the goal of securing the health and welfare of our children and most vulnerable, is to fix our environment and infrastructure. We currently have a deferred maintenance backlog of over \$1.2 billion in our schools, university facilities, hospitals, prisons, and other facilities statewide that cannot be fixed by bond financing. In the House draft of this budget bill, we proposed an appropriation of \$1 billion that was to be spent over a period of five to ten years to eliminate this backlog. Please keep in mind that last year, we provided the Department of Education (DOE) with \$256 million just to tackle the deferred maintenance issues in their facilities, bringing the total resources available to over \$1.2 billion.

"That \$1 billion has been reduced to \$200 million in this final version of the budget, yet the \$256 million remains available to the DOE for its use. The intent of the \$200 million is to ensure that other agencies get a chance to fix their facilities.

"A budget proviso that was reinstated this year provides the governor a great deal of flexibility in tapping the \$200 million set aside, and some are eyeing that pot of money to spend on recurring expenses. We need to be cautious in the use of this one-time appropriation of money and ensure that we do not cause future shortfalls that could cause cuts to valuable state programs.

"Mr. Speaker, the budget is a complicated document, not easily digestible for any one person. Everyone, including the media, rather than creating and succumbing to sound bites, must do their part to review and analyze requests made by all agencies.

"The work of your Committee on Finance began on January 4, 2023 and continued through governor's messages received in February, March, and April. Mr. Speaker, this was an extraordinary challenge as your committee did not receive details of the majority of this budget until well into February, with nearly half the session completed.

"Much hyperbole has been expressed over the past few days regarding the budget, particularly in the Department of Education.

"The devil is always in the details. Especially in the budget.

"Mr. Speaker, HB 300, CD 1 is a sound budget, yet challenges remain that we will need to address as soon as next year. Our biggest challenge will be the end of federal fiscal relief and funding.

"In the Department of Education and University of Hawai'i, we have seen unprecedented direct federal funding through the upcoming fiscal year 2023 - 2024:

- \$663.8 million for the DOE
- \$264.5 million for UOH; and
- \$24.3 million that can be used for both

"From July 2020 through October 2024, the federal government will give \$952 million to the Department of Education and to the University of Hawai'i to spend.

"From the state's discretionary pot of federal assistance under the American Rescue Plan, Governor Ige and Governor Green have set aside an additional \$50 million to the DOE and \$28 million for UH.

"That's a total of at least \$1.3 billion being spent in DOE and UH. The bulk of it, approximately \$500 million, will be spent between July 2022 and October 2024.

"During the upcoming interim, we will all need to evaluate the programs created and enhanced by the Board of Education and the Department of Education, and the Board of Regents and the University of Hawai'i. Without any more federal support, these programs will have to rely on state funding to continue into the future.

"Let me repeat that: in one year, we will be faced with making choices on several hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of programs that will need state funding to continue.

"Mr. Speaker, the details of the budget are critical to its understanding.

"Members who were here just a few short years ago may recall that the budget conference covered every line item in painstaking detail over several days. Last year, in an effort to streamline the process, the former chair of the Finance Committee and the WAM chair provided major highlights of the budget and left the minutiae of technical changes to the worksheets. Perhaps streamlining the process needs to be revisited.

"Mr. Speaker, details matter, and accuracy matters in our final work product. This process has never been instantaneous. However, simply comparing what may have happened in the budget by comparing grand total amounts across different drafts of the budget only serves to confuse and confound.

"For example, Mr. Speaker, if we compare the budgets as contained in the various governor's messages (GM) and the CD1, we will see that:

"In the Department of Accounting and General Services, there is a \$12 million increase in FY24; yet there is an \$18 million decrease in FY25. There was a \$17 million request in each year of the biennium for insurance payments for state buildings. Last year, the Legislature required the Executive Branch to evaluate alternatives to risk management and how the state insures itself against losses. That study will be due in a few months. In the meantime, it would not be prudent for us to budget, and essentially hand out \$17 million in FY25 to an insurance company.

"Budget details matter, Mr. Speaker.

"In the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, there is a \$153 million increase between GM and CD1 in FY24; however, there is a \$279 million decrease between GM and CD1 in FY25.

"By prioritizing the funding in FY24, the CD1 provides:

- \$200 million to HCDA for various projects that include reclaimed water irrigation systems, UH West O'ahu infrastructure, Kapalama infrastructure, and Kaka'ako improvements;
- \$100 million for the majority package initiative to provide low-income families with access to the GEMS program for the installation of alternative energy in their homes, thereby reducing electricity costs;
- \$50 million as a deposit into the Dwelling Unit Revolving fund (DURF) in FY24 and FY25; and
- \$100 million for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) and another \$180 million in FY25.

"The \$279 million reduction in FY25 is because the GM requested:

- \$200 million in FY24 and FY25 or \$400 million for the DURF over 2 years; while the CD1 funds \$100 million over the two years;
- \$500 million over two years for the RHRF; while the CD1 provides \$289 million over the same two years; and
- The CD1 reprioritized and modified the funding request and ended up having to greatly reduce the amounts appropriated in FY25 in order to balance the budget.

"The macro budget seems to imply that we made crippling cuts to affordable housing initiatives in the department. Nothing could be further from the truth when all funding for DURF and RHRF in the past 2 years are taken into account.

"Mr. Speaker, the budget details show a prudent, responsible approach to creating a more sustainable budget.

"In the Department of Human Services, between the GM and the CD1, there is \$29 million less in FY24 and \$15 million less in FY25. On the surface, this looks like major reductions in funding for the department.

"What the budget details show us:

- The GM included \$38.8 million in FY24 for expansion of the Preschool Open Doors program to 3-year-olds:
 - Analysis of the request indicated that the department would not be ready to implement the program in the first year, so funding was cut in FY24.
- The GM included \$15 million per year for the Ohana Zones program:
 - Analysis of the request indicated that not all previous similar funding levels had been completely utilized, so funding was only provided in the first year; and
 - The Legislature will, thus, be able to monitor progress and provide additional funding, if warranted.

"In the Department of Education (excluding Libraries, Charter Schools, and School Facilities Authority), between the GM and the CD1, there is \$57 million less in FY24 and \$109.6 million less in FY25. On the surface, this looks like another major reduction in funding.

"However, the support for teachers and efforts toward their retention has never been greater.

- In 2022, the Legislature added \$121 million to the EDN 100 base budget for purposes of salary re-pricing for teachers;
- During the current year, FY23, re-pricing ended up costing \$53 million, leaving \$68 million that could only be used for salary purposes – which is exactly how the funds were reallocated;
- The Governor and HSTA recently negotiated a contract which will require the following amounts:
 - \$89.6 million in FY24;
 - \$122.7 million in FY25;
 - \$166.9 million in FY26; and
 - \$209.9 million in FY27.
- In addition to salary increases, the following were added to the EDN budget:
 - \$2.5 million in FY24 for Career & Technical Education teacher differentials;
 - \$660,000 in FY24 and FY25 for Early Childhood Educator Stipend which will support the recruitment and retention of qualified early learning professionals;
 - 36.00 permanent positions and \$3.9 million in FY24 and 126.00 permanent positions and \$7.6 million in FY25 for early learning classrooms; and
 - \$3.6 million in FY24 for teacher positions and operational support to provide work based learning for students with severe disabilities.

"In the University of Hawai'i, the CD1 is less than the GM by \$34 million in F24 and \$60 million in FY25. On the surface, this looks dramatic and crippling.

"The details of the budget show:

- \$19 million per year was due to not funding the expansion of the Promise Program to the 4-year colleges;
- \$17,526,848 in FY24 COVID-related restorations even though \$10 million of additions by the Department of Budget and Finance were deemed unnecessary; and
- The UH Center on Nursing proposal for program expansion included duplication of funding across the several GMs submitted to the Legislature.

"Historically, there have been major policy differences between the House and Senate in working with the University of Hawai'i. As a result, where we

could, first year funding was included with the expectation that numerous items will be revisited for consideration during the 2024 Regular Session.

"As you can see, Mr. Speaker, details matter. Simply looking at budget totals can and will do a disservice to any cogent analysis of the budget.

"HB 300, CD 1 is a prudent, sound budget that will take care of our long term needs, and at the same time, is flexible enough to give us options should fiscal circumstances change in the coming months.

"I urge my colleagues' support. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a good budget, but I have some reservations regarding an omission, if I may say. I really like teacher housing, I really like the *kauhale*, the affordable housing, the number of things that was just announced about Medicare, that's very, very good leverage, the ability to fix our roads, *et cetera*.

"But there's one thing conspicuously absent, Mr. Speaker, and that's the Hawai'i Tourism Authority funding. This is the biggest driver of our, well it's half of our economy, it's one of the biggest drivers. And more so, Mr. Speaker, this is where the ALICE families live and depend upon. If anything happens to our visitor industry, it's the ALICE families, not people in this room that is going to get hurt, it's those who are right on the edge, the working poor that are going to get hurt.

"So, Mr. Speaker, I would say rather than say that this budget is perfect, I say it's perfect except for its gross omission, which I consider cruel and unusual punishment to leave our biggest industry hanging out on its own, Mr. Speaker. I don't think that's a good policy.

"And I would lastly say, I would urge Governor Green to be alert to possibly shifting funds, which the governor has the power to do, from other departments if it gets to be struggling and numbers go down and occupancy rates go down, that we can throw a lifeline to what otherwise this body and the Senate has denied to the goose that lays the golden eggs, the Hawai'i tourism industry. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, a good budget but cruel and unusual in its omission of HTA. Thank you."

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

"In strong support, Mr. Speaker. So, unfortunately, this year the House and the Senate could not reach agreement in the allotted time on a funding and appropriations measure for the tourism authority. But over this past weekend, the administration and both the House and the Senate worked very hard to find other ways to fund the tourism authority.

"And I'm happy to report that with the governor's help and lieutenant governor's help, we have identified other sources of funding so that we can preserve the core functions of the tourism authority, most specifically and most importantly to me, destination management and our cultural support. Because as I've said so often on this floor, the key to the future of tourism in Hawai'i is destination management. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations. I want to take a moment to thank the Finance chair and the entire committee for their tireless, countless hours of work creating this budget. It is a lot of work. It's quite honestly a job that is often thankless. Thank you to all of the House committee chairs and the vice chairs who have fought and advocated for the needs of their committees. And thank you to the body for your work to support those needs as well. But there are some concerns with the budget, and for that reason, I rise with reservations. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition. There are some good things about House Bill 300. But the budget that we are voting on today also contains many, many problems. House Bill 300 continues to harm Hawai'i's public education system. Since 2008, the DOE's budget has increased by roughly 25% to 35% less than the overall state budget. House Bill 300 continues the historic underfunding of our public education system,

appropriating nearly \$65 million less in fiscal year 2024 and nearly \$110 million less in fiscal year 2025 than the governor's budget request.

"This budget cuts the amount of money that our state is spending on the weighted student formula, funding that goes directly to our schools for school level services and programs by basically the exact same amount that we're spending on HSTA's new contract. We have a \$2 billion surplus. It is immoral for us to pit the DOE against teachers by cutting school services to pay for a very modest pay raise for hardworking teachers that deserve so much more. This looks like it may be related to HSTA successfully bargaining a new contract.

"These budget cuts to education will also damage our *keiki*'s learning and may put us in jeopardy of failing to meet federal maintenance of effort and maintenance of equity requirements.

"Additionally, this budget leaves the University of Hawai'i in a precarious financial position. It leaves UH \$1.1 million in deficit for fiscal year 2024, and \$18 million in deficit for fiscal year 2025.

"We're increasing the food excise tax credit, but we did little to support programs that strengthen food security for low-income families. House Bill 300 fails to fund the Double Up Food Bucks food incentive program, a dollar-for-dollar matching program that lets SNAP participants double their purchasing power. This means that the program will get no federal matching funds, so it will be severely restricted and be available to fewer families and at fewer stores.

"Even some of the core human services programs were impacted. Our safe spaces for youth program received no funding or positions. Child welfare funding was also slashed at a time when our state is facing a child welfare crisis. We are allocating \$500 million per year to the rainy day fund, which already has over \$900 million in it. For working families, it's not just raining, it's pouring right now. They need our help today to handle inflation, the rising cost of housing, the soaring cost of child care and health care, and the constantly skyrocketing cost of simply trying to survive here in our island home.

"We are spending \$30 million on prison expansion, \$50 million on a cop city training campus for law enforcement, and \$63 million in capital improvement funds on an artificial reef constructed by the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology through the Department of Defense's DARPA program. That's almost \$150 million that we could have spent to support our deteriorating schools, uplifting rural health clinics, and building green infrastructure that promotes genuine climate resilience and so much more.

"Being fiscally responsible means passing a budget that responds to the concerns of Hawai'i's residents. This budget has a few bright spots, and I do celebrate those. But it is sorely lacking in *aloha* for our state. And for those reasons, I'm voting no."

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

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition. Regrettably, Mr. Speaker, I have to vote no on this bill. I don't believe this budget represents the will of the House of Representatives and it does not represent the will of our communities, specifically the community I represent. I request we vote this budget down and return to the Legislature prior to the deadline in July to briefly reconvene on a budget that supports the will of the people.

"Mr. Speaker, last week, nearly 200 bills died here at the Legislature. In ordinary jobs, including waiting tables, which is one of the jobs I used to have, you can't just clock out if you don't square your ledger, there's going to be consequences.

"In a year in which we have significant revenues outside of investments from the American recovery plan and other federal programs, this budget includes both cuts to public education and significant overspending on programs with little to no oversight.

"As public safety and the practice of law is my background, I was surprised to see a \$10 million appropriation for an RFP for a new O'ahu Community Correctional Center. The state just concluded a \$10 million RFP last year, which went primarily to Architects Hawai'i and a private prison corporation. They spent most of that money on lobbying the oversight commission.

"The University of Hawai'i and this legislature are speaking now about the overarching goals of the project, which may cost as much as \$1 billion to state taxpayers. Another \$10 million RFP to corporations who do not consider the wishes of the Legislature is an unreasonable ask when we are doing the work for free.

"When the Department of Public Safety split into two last year, creating the Office of Law Enforcement, it was unclear what they wanted. In this budget, there's an allocation for \$45 million for IT work. It was not thoroughly vetted by the House, and it seems like a significant waste of taxpayer dollars for an agency that did not exist last year and has never appeared before the Legislature prior to just a few months ago.

"Mr. Speaker, this budget includes a \$10 million expenditure of state tax dollars directed to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to dig monitor wells as a result of the Red Hill disaster. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Navy poisoned our aquifer. There are currently massive experimental filtration units that are pumping water out of the Red Hill shaft. The Moanalua shaft, which represents 24% of Honolulu's drinking water, remains shuttered. There are many unknown questions, and we have to dig, at the cost of \$1 million per well, shafts to find where the plume of toxins has spread throughout the land.

"We have yet to truly get reimbursed from the federal government. And despite pronouncements from the Red Hill Joint Task Force, from the U.S. Navy we have only seen more spills and continued demands that we give state land to the Department of Defense. We have not spoken as a collective despite our community asking us to do so. The state taxpayers have not yet demanded reimbursement through us.

"Mr. Speaker, this budget cuts public education. Based on this budget, there seems to be a desire to starve the Department of Education and force the department to cut teachers, principals, and entire schools. Schools, Mr. Speaker, are the heart of our communities and many of us have strong relationships to them. There seems to be a penalty for increasing teacher pay pursuant to recent contract negotiations.

"Mr. Speaker, it may be the intention outlined in this budget to starve small schools into shuttering. Schools like Linapuni Elementary in Kalihi, which I have the pleasure of representing, which is a site of revival of community, a Title I school that, if anything, deserves more resources, not less.

"At the university level, there are millions that have been depleted from the University of Hawai'i System, although strangely, several GIA projects have been funded in specific sites. I'll reserve comments for later if necessary. Thank you so much. Again, in opposition."

Representative Hussey-Burdick rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I respectfully dissent. A budget is a moral document. It's a reflection of what we as a society value enough to fully fund and what we don't. There are a lot of things in this document that I like. Funding for homeless services, infrastructure improvements, and environmental management. But as much as I want to vote yes, I cannot support a budget that treats education as an afterthought while simultaneously exceeding the expenditure ceiling by \$1.6 billion.

"I can understand overspending by that amount if every penny was essential for the health and well-being of our people and the environment. But I cannot support that level of overspending when it includes \$64 million for rental car facility improvements. I certainly cannot support pouring another \$120 million into the Agribusiness Development Corporation, that has been proven to have done almost nothing to implement its statutory mandates over the last 30 years. And I'm disappointed that we chose to prioritize \$33 million to improve the reflecting pool around the Capitol, which looks ugly but really does not have a statewide impact. And yet we

couldn't manage to find any funding for the number one most popular ethics reform measure this year, publicly funded elections.

"Mr. Speaker, my vote is also based on process. I think the fact that we're standing here today with perhaps an unprecedented number of legislators disappointed in the final version of the budget is indicative of a lack of transparency and input from the members. Some municipalities have a completely open process called participatory budgeting, where the taxpayers get to decide which line items to prioritize. Here we have an opaque, chaotic system where even the conferees didn't get to see the final draft of the budget before they voted on it, and very few people had meaningful input along the way.

"Let me be very clear that when I vote against this budget, I'm not voting to kill the appropriation or any of the bills that come after, I'm voting to empower the House to go back to the Senate with a message that we won't settle for less than what our constituents deserve. I'm voting to extend session so that we can do the work of the people properly with a more transparent and inclusive process that prioritizes the needs of the next generation. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong opposition. I want to first thank the members of the Finance Committee for your diligent efforts and your late nights and your very hard work. But as chair of the Committee on Higher Education, I cannot support this budget. The University of Hawai'i plays a critical role in Hawai'i's future, but it is the only department or agency where COVID funds were not restored with HB 300, CD 1. It was the House's position to restore those funds, but in the CD 1, in this budget, they are not restored.

"HB 300 would mean a massive budget shortfall for Hawai'i's public university system, leaving it to operate nearly in the red for this first year of tremendous surplus, which is ridiculous, at a time when we pay lip service to the idea of stopping the brain drain and keeping our young people here in Hawai'i. It is our most important tool for keeping our local families intact. As a mother, as an educator, and as a representative of a working-class district, I cannot vote yes on this budget. A budget is meant to reflect our collective values, as my colleagues have mentioned and spoke so eloquently to. It is meant to care for our community and invest in the future that we want to build. This budget does neither of those things. For those reasons, I'm in opposition and reserve further comments."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the chair of the Committee on Water & Land, I am in support of House Bill 300 for many reasons, but especially because of the historic funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. House Bill 300 appropriates \$25 million in general funds for forestry resource management and development, an additional \$14.7 million in general funds for ecosystem protection and restoration resources, it adds \$1.5 million for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, six positions to the Commission on Water Resource Management for Red Hill and for water resources and permitting. It also adds a historic \$50 million for our parks' administration and operations for renovations and improvements, which are sorely needed statewide. And finally, in addition to these and many other adjustments to the department's budget, it adds \$2 million as well as four FTs for our Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access Program.

"Mr. Speaker, I hear the concerns of my colleagues about the funding for the Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i. These departments take the lion's share of our budget every year, and departments like the Department of Land and Natural Resources have struggled to maintain our state parks, beaches, trails, which are used most frequently by our tourist industry and become an attraction for Hawai'i to our benefit, I believe. So, I am grateful for these appropriations in House Bill 300 to support our land and natural resources. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here in opposition with comments, but I'd like to preface my comments that my no vote does not in any way diminish the hard work of the committee on both sides of the House and

Senate. The gratitude for all the work that everyone has put into this, this no vote does not diminish it. All the West Maui, House District 14, positive additions into it are greatly appreciated. So, I *mahalo* everyone who got it to the finish line. So, *mahalo*.

"I'm going to share my concerns mainly over the process, which was already mentioned. And so, the process for me, and maybe it comes from stemming having been eight years as a council member working under the Sunshine Law, coming here has really been hard for me to work without sunshine, and it really just doesn't sit well with me deep down, it's just something that I cannot get used to.

"And on top of that, coming in and hearing that there's a 60-day calendar clock that we have to vet thousands of bills under, that already we are under a stress of a time crunch timeline. And in that type of process, things get lost in the shuffle, fall through the cracks, don't get to see the light of day, get its due diligence, due process. And I think this budget is the final product of that, that flaw in the process.

"And so, asking this body here if people here to have that courage to change it, to change the mindset, to change the process of how we do things here. I know this is how it's been done, but for me, it hasn't shaken out quite well for a lot of us. And so, something's got to change because we can't keep doing things the same way, expecting different results. And again, that chute that goes through the process. If we do that, we can bring back the faith, trust, and confidence of the people that got us here, that want us to represent them and their needs, their voice. And I know that's why I'm here.

"So, I just want to say that I have worked on eight other budgets, albeit smaller, for Maui County. There was one other budget that I voted no on, and that was because I knew there was a single item in that budget that was done with corruption. And today, two state legislators, one department director of the county, and another county worker are doing time.

"So, again, this hasn't given me enough information, hasn't been clear in the process. I haven't been able to insert my voice and scrutiny on it. So, I am not comfortable. I do not have confidence in attaching my name to this final product and to this document at this time. So, I thank everybody, again, for all their efforts, time, energy, and effort on this. But I cannot stand here in wholehearted support and attach my name. So, *mahalo* for this time to explain myself."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition. And I do echo the sentiments of some of the previous speakers in opposition. And I also thank the Finance chair and the members of the committee for their hard work on this budget. Just briefly, I feel that this budget does not prioritize the needs of the working-class families and *keiki*, especially as a representative for my district, District 43, Makakilo and Kapolei, I can't in good faith endorse this final budget. So, it's a no vote for me. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Mr. Speaker, I am supporting this budget although it does not contain every item I wish it did, nor are all of the appropriation bills that follow containing the items I wish they did. In a few weeks I'll have to be informing residents in Pearl City that their healthy aging classes we're not funded by the state, so they have to pay for them themselves. But I'm going to tell them that we're going to try again next year to get funding for that program.

"We do appropriate in a bill, in a few minutes, that appropriates \$1 million for our Alzheimer's education program. This is something we've been trying to enact for the past four years, and we're successful this year thanks to representative from Nanakuli and the chair of the Finance Committee.

"My point, Mr. Speaker, is that every state budget ever passed by this body has been the product of compromise. Some compromise is good, some compromise is bad. But at the end, if every legislator in this body voted against the state budget because it contained an item they objected to or an item that failed to be included, we would never enact a state budget, Mr. Speaker. For that reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the budget. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Strong support. I think when we started out on this legislative session, we had many priorities. I think one of them was for affordable housing, one of the biggest crises that we're facing in our state. And I think this budget delivers for affordable housing and continues the housing pipeline. And I think because of that, it's a critical piece of legislation that we need to push forward.

"We're making \$80 million cash infusion into the rental housing revolving fund, \$100 million in '24 and \$180 million FY25, \$100 million cash infusion into the dwelling unit revolving fund, \$50 million over the biennium. We also are doing \$15 million for Ohana Zones to take care of the most vulnerable population, in addition to another \$5 million for permanent supportive housing, we're going to support those who are 30% area median income and below. We also put in \$15 million for *kauhale* projects this coming year and another \$33 million in the biennium in the year after that, and so there's a tremendous amount of money for homeless housing throughout the biennium.

"We also invested over \$200 million in infrastructure projects all throughout the state for various TOD projects in Kaka'ako, in Kalaehoa. We're tasking HCDA and the University of Hawai'i to continue to make sure that housing is delivered. It's never an easy task, it takes time, but we need to make these investments, and I think HB 300 has delivered on that.

"And I think we need to continue looking forward and look at the wins that we get in the budget to make sure that we solve some of the biggest crises. Because I think this is what is driving up the cost of living. And I think we needed to really focus on housing because if we can get housing costs under control, because housing cost is typically the biggest portion of what you spend in your budget every single month, so if we can bring that cost down, the cost of living in Hawai'i will be that much more manageable.

"So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I think this is a very important piece of legislation, I think we should all be supportive of the strides that we've taken in HB 300. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, rising in strong support. Mr. Speaker, the accusations on this floor today that the budget is flawed may be true. But to accuse the members of this body by not operating in the sense of transparency and lack of communication is absolutely false. Members on the Finance Committee have worked tirelessly to defend this budget and operate as such.

"Mr. Speaker, there are 51 members here in this House, and if we were to operate as individuals, we would all vote no on this budget. It is a collective idea to move forward in the ideas that we would work on. Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to adopt the words of the Water & Land chair and the Tourism chair as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kila continued, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, if I came in here every session not getting everything I wanted and I would be upset as such, who am I to contribute to this body? Mr. Speaker, there are great works that have been done by the chairs in this budget to defend as such. We are moving towards supporting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and our natural resources. And for that alone, things that have not been funded in previous pasts, means something now more than ever.

"I look to my members on Finance and I speak for myself and the thanks that are giving on this floor seems to be lack of their such. We have worked tirelessly night and day to communicate our needs with the Finance chair, leadership here in the House, and members here in this House. There has never not been a chance for anyone to not engage in the process as such. And every member has had the chance to come before the Finance chair, Finance vice chair, and Finance committee members to talk as such. And I appreciate every single member who has worked with us to work through this budget.

"Do I think it's perfect? Maybe. There are some things that we can work on, but that is the beauty of democracy, that we can continue to come back

every single time to work on it more. Mr. Speaker, and for those reasons alone, I stand in support of this budget."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support with serious reservations. I'm struggling with this conversation admittedly, being emotional. I appreciate the work that has gone into crafting this budget. I know that there were some factors that made it very challenging this year, and it is no small feat to get us to where we are today.

"Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I have serious concerns with the reduction in funds for our Department of Education. We know when we look at the budget, there is \$167 million less than what the governor requested in his operational budget. And it should be known that that budget submittal, which was executively approved, was similar from past governors' requests.

"And so, that means that is a reduction for our Department of Education to the magnitude of over 5%. And that may seem like a small number, Mr. Speaker, but it is virtually impossible to squeeze out efficiencies in our system to the magnitude of 5%, 7%, 8%. Even if you take out all the unnecessary administrative duties, you're not going to be able to cut 7%, 8%.

"So, that means we have to cut people, Mr. Speaker. Now, some may argue that the DOE is bloated, that we overspend on our kids. But we can do a preliminary assessment for ourselves to ask ourselves that question. Are we overspending on our kids? You can look at many different ways. You can take as an example, our NAEP scores.

"NAEP stands for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. It is required by the U.S. ED that each state take this assessment. It's referred to as the nation's report card. And our most recent NAEP scores show the State of Hawai'i, when you look at the continuous data, it shows that we were flat. Which may seem like a bad thing, but compared to the last assessment, which was done pre-COVID, it shows the same numbers. So, that means actually, because we know in the State of Hawai'i, there was a dip in all of our assessment scores. That was true not only in Hawai'i, that was true across the country, and also true across the world. All of our kids suffer from learning loss. So, for our state, we actually dipped and we improved.

"So, you take a look at three significant variables. You take a look at how you spend the money, you take a look at how much is allocated per that system, and you take a look at the desired outcome. We always speak of preparedness, college and career ready. What does that mean? That means we want our kids to be internationally competitive upon exit from high school.

"And so, per our normal budget allocation and how we're spending that money, that suggests to me that actually we are spending the necessary funding to support our kids. But I would actually make the argument that we need to increase that funding. And so I said, Mr. Speaker, it comes back to cutting people."

Representative Marten rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Woodson continued, stating:

"Most of the people in the Department of Education are people. And those people are mostly teachers. I said on this floor before, Mr. Speaker, that each and every one of us in this chamber has been positively impacted by at least one teacher. So, now we're going to grab teachers out of the classroom. What is the impact going to be for that, for the trajectory of that student? Our teachers electrify imaginations, they ignite curiosity, and for many of our kids, the teachers are all they have. They are the ones that tell these *keiki*, you're good enough, you can succeed, you're worthy, keep going. What happens to their trajectory? What happens to their future? What happens to our collective futures? That is the question I have, Mr. Speaker.

"And by the way, Mr. Speaker, we are approaching a mental health crisis in our schools, in our public schools. And we still have a teacher shortage. So, whether the number is 900, 500, 200, we know it's not zero. We need more teachers, not less. We need more support, not less.

"Having said all that, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the wisdom of the Finance chair. He did insert a proviso that will afford the governor and the B&F director to hopefully fill those gaps to make the department whole for at least fiscal year 24. I am hopeful that he will do that. It's for these reasons and others, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support but with serious reservations, and I hope that we can fix it. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to House Bill 300, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1. Before I begin, Mr. Speaker, may I request to insert written comments. It makes me physically sick to my stomach to stand up in opposition to this CD 1, because I haven't voted no on a bill perhaps for over a decade. And as has been expressed by my chairs, this draft does indeed contain many things, many good things that I support. However, as it has been said, this CD 1 fails both on substance and process.

"First on substance. As it has been said time and time again in this chamber, in the hallways, and as we go back to our communities, the budget is the most important bill that we can vote on as legislators. This bill expresses our policies, our priorities, our very values as a community. When the dust settles and we can all carefully examine this budget and the all-important budget worksheets that will not come out for several weeks, I am very concerned, as some of my co-chairs and colleagues have said, that this budget does not adequately fund and it actually seriously underfunds public schools and the University of Hawai'i, arguably the two most important government services that we have here in the State of Hawai'i.

"This underfunding of public education and higher education comes at a time when we have a budget surplus and we are exceeding the budget expenditure ceiling by \$1,063,767,367. I'm going to say this again, this expenditure ceiling is a constitutionally mandated spending cap that is calculated and based upon the personal income taxes that we are collecting from the hardworking residents of this state. And we are exceeding this cap by over \$1 billion while underfunding public education and higher education in the time of a budget surplus. This is absurd.

"This begs the questions, what are we spending our taxpayers' money on, if not public education and higher education? Where is our taxpayer monies going? What is being funded and what is not being funded? These are the important critical questions we should ask. These are the substantive questions that will be answered in the days that come.

"Second, this CD 1 fails on process and is based on a practice far worse than even the gut-and-replace practice that has been determined to be unconstitutional. Section 5 of CD 1 is the linchpin of this bill that creates a \$200 million slush fund for the governor to move \$200 million in general funds from Budget and Finance to 'other state agencies for government operations.'

"Now, we may hear after the fact that this is based on custom and practice, as well as being something that we have done in the past. But members, Mr. Speaker, I have scoured HD 1, I have scoured SD 1, I listened carefully to the deliberations of the conference committee that decided upon this budget. I read thoroughly the press release that announced what was in CD 1, and I could not find this language there. It is widely known that this budget proviso was negotiated after the fact of the voting on this measure.

"Now, this budget proviso may in fact save and provide the opportunity for us to make whole those important departments, like the Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i. And I hope those departments are made whole. But they need to be made whole, and this is now going to become a political football, by this measure. Because in Section 5 of CD 1 it says that, 'the governor shall provide notice to the legislature 14 days prior to the date of transfer and submit a report to the legislature within five days of each use of this authority; provided further that the report shall include the date of transfer, the amount of the transfer, the program ID from which funds were transferred, the program ID to which funds were transferred, the impact to the program ID funds are transferred from, and a detailed explanation of the public purposes served by the transfer of resources.'

"When this budget passes, which I expect that it will, this is now going to become a political football in all of our communities. And I will be the first one to stand up and say, we need to make sure that the Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i is not underfunded."

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

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"Thank you. And I will wrap up. It's for these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I know that there are good things in this budget, but based on substance and process, I vote no. Thank you."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"In addition to my stated opposition to this year's operating budget encompassed in House Bill 300, Conference Draft 1, I am also opposed to this measure because of unanswered questions surrounding the expenditure ceiling or the spending cap identified in this measure and how it has been calculated.

"During this year's conference period, this constitutionally mandated expenditure ceiling was calculated such that House Bill 300 as voted out by the conference committee would have caused the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,043,597,367 or 10%. Now, the state operating budget contained in this Conference Draft 1 causes the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or 10%.

"There may be a very simple, mathematical explanation for this \$20,170,000 difference, and our fiscal and budgetary leaders in both the legislative and executive branches should explain this discrepancy. However, this discrepancy underscores my greater concerns that lawmakers and the general public need to better understand: (1) how the expenditure ceiling was calculated for this budget; (2) how the expenditure ceiling will be calculated for future budgets and appropriation bills; and (3) what are the implications for exceeding the spending cap both for future budgets and the financial well-being of the state. Understanding these budgetary mechanisms will enable us to make better decisions about how we spend taxpayers' hard-earned monies to most efficiently and effectively provide core government services and provide broader tax relief to our ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed) families.

"For these concerns, and my previously stated concerns, I vote in opposition to this measure."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with reservations. I would just like to have the comments from the representative from Kīhei inserted into the Journal as if they're my own. And I want to just make mention that there are things in this budget that are good and that represent our values. But it's very difficult to give a full pledge approval when I believe that this budget also goes against some of the things that we should be against. There are things that are grossly overfunded and there are things that are grossly underfunded. And that is why today I cannot give my full support for this budget. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, second time, with a very brief comment. First, I want to thank the gentleman from the North Shore who assured me that the governor will be considering funding HTA, throwing a lifeline if they run short or the lights go out. And secondly, Mr. Speaker, on a personal note, this has been music to my ears. You guys know I've been here a long time. I've never heard the debate with such passion, such specificity. And this is what democracy is all about.

"So, I want to thank everybody for participating. I expected this when I was a freshman, that every session that we had would be like this. It's finally arised, and I want to thank all of you for that. And thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing the motion to continue without anybody saying 'recess.' Thank you, sir."

Representative Souza rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rising second time in opposition and I would like the words of the representative from Kaimuki inserted into the Journal as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Perruso rose to respond, stating:

"Rising for the second time in opposition. And I would first like to echo that request to have those comments entered into the Journal as if they were my own, along with the comments from the chair of Education.

"I want to say that the people who rise in opposition are not asking for a perfect budget. We are asking for a good budget and one that we can be proud of. And this is not a personal issue, no one is critiquing anybody on personal grounds, this is a policy issue. This is our job. We are professionals. That's why we are here, to do the work of our communities.

"I will say that this is not a people's budget. It is a corporate budget, it is a corporation budget, is a developer's budget, it is a builder's budget."

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Casting aspersions, impugning motive, given the business."

The Chair addressed Representative Perruso, stating:

"Representative, please confine your remarks to House Bill 300."

Representative Perruso continued, stating:

"Then I will reframe that comment to say, it is not a people's budget. How else do we explain to our constituents that in a year where we have an almost \$2 billion surplus, we have decreased spending on public universities and the Department of Education while giving hundreds of millions of dollars to DBEDT. How else do we explain that we have cut funding for the Department of Human Services at a time when so many are in need?"

"How else do we explain that we gave only \$10 million to Housing First, which is a proven, demonstrated program to help people transition out of homelessness, while sneaking in almost 20 times that amount for a first responders campus in my district that nobody wants. How else do we explain that we again have failed to invest meaningfully in a diversified local food system through grants to small farmers when so many are going hungry?"

"In both process and outcome, this budget undermines public confidence in the Legislature. This is something that we should be very attuned to. It's our job to not just maintain public confidence, but to increase public confidence. The rationale behind a budget like this is that even in a year of surplus, we have to save for a rainy day. I can tell you, unequivocally, that for our constituents, for my constituents, it's raining now. And without a budget that prioritizes the working families of Hawai'i, in a year of extraordinary surplus, the storm is going to get worse.

"This is not work that I feel that I can be proud of. And although we all want session to be over, we should not leave until we do our jobs right."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support of HB 300. There are many concerns being raised on this floor today, and I'd like to say, there are many questions being asked. What are we spending our funding on? Is it addressing the people's budget and the people's needs? I would like to say yes, it does.

"This budget sets \$700 million over the next five years to help working families, ALICE families in Hawai'i. It doubles the earned income tax credit, it doubles the food excise tax credit, and it almost quadruples the child and dependent tax credit. This is all going to benefit working families in Hawai'i.

"The concern that we're not addressing education in this budget. Yes, there are some areas that may be underfunded, but this budget shows \$800 million that will benefit the students throughout the State of Hawai'i. By increasing the HSTA contract, starting teachers will now get \$50,000 as opposed to \$38,000 to survive in Hawai'i. And with a shortage of up to 1,000 teachers, this is going to make a huge difference and this is ultimately going to benefit our students. That's \$600 million alone.

"What this budget also does that is so unique, for the very first time since I've been here, is that it sets aside \$170 million for teacher housing that incorporates preschools for our three- and four-year-olds, \$170 million

spread across our state to help our teachers to be there near the campuses where they live, to have the kinds of preschool services that they need for their kids. And it creates an incredible opportunity to provide additional support for our teachers so that they can be in the classroom and teach our kids. And this budget includes \$38 million for the Preschool Open Doors program that will benefit three-year-olds. It currently benefits four-year-olds.

"The other key piece to this budget that benefits our students is that there's about \$3 or \$4 million in here to help private preschools get accredited by the accreditation agencies so that we can do more to provide three and four-year-olds the education that they need. And this will also help to alleviate the shortage of preschool classes throughout our state.

"So, yes, there's many things in here. When we talk about diversifying our economy, there's \$60 or \$70 million in here to improve our dams and our infrastructure irrigation systems so that we can promote more diversified agriculture throughout our state. And we also have funds in here, \$30 million that will leverage almost \$90 million in federal funds to increase broadband infrastructure throughout the state. And this is going to serve these remote areas and rural areas that are currently not served.

"The Housing chair went through the laundry list of housing programs that will serve low income, moderate, and our working families that many of them are very exciting to me, as a former Housing chair, but that adds up to over \$600 million."

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

Representative Nakamura continued, stating:

"Thank you. So, when we say that this is not the people's budget, I think some of the items that I described, some of the budget line items that are buried in there, actually do so much for the people of the state, our working families. And I'm very proud of this budget.

"I know there are areas that we need to work on, but overall, I'd like to recognize the work of the Finance chair and vice chair and committee in bringing this budget forward. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, coming into opening day, I remember standing in the rotunda. In support of positions that we were focused on, which was affordable housing, delivering mental health services, as well as protecting and preserving our natural resources. In this budget, Mr. Speaker, we have put in monies over the biennium of \$280 million into the rental housing revolving fund that serves families of area median income of 60% and under. We also put in \$100 million for the dwelling unit revolving fund that helps infrastructure for affordable housing.

"And in delivering mental health services, we put in \$3.5 million per year for the Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach program that's piloted here on O'ahu."

Representative Belatti rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, just a clarification. That's going to be in a bill."

Representative Ilagan continued, stating:

"These are the majority package, Mr. Speaker, and we have put in monies as well as into the budget to protect, preserve, and manage our natural resources of \$192 million into this budget over the biennium. So, Mr. Speaker, I just want to support strongly this budget because I know our Finance chair did a lot of work, as well as the members in Finance who have worked long hours to make this budget happen.

"I also have an item in this budget that helps out my community, and that is the Pohoiki boat ramp of putting into the CIP to help out reopening the boat ramp that was inundated by lava. So, Mr. Speaker, I just want to stand here in support. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"With reservations, thank you. There's a lot of good in this budget, but there's also a lot, and I mean a lot, of wasteful spending. This budget was alluded to as the people's budget, some think it's not. I think this budget fits some people, but not all people. Once again, like was mentioned, there's a \$2.6 billion surplus, yet here we are exceeding our own spending limits outlined in our own constitution.

"And I hear from some members, Mr. Speaker, across the aisle, that what we need is more spending, that this doesn't go far enough and that that is what's needed to cure inflation. However, we are in this mess of inflation because of government overspending. And so once again, there's lots of good in this budget, but a lot and a lot of wasteful spending. So, for those reasons, with reservations."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. I'd like to adopt the words of Districts 34, 10, 44, 9, and 4," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Alcos continued, stating:

"I want to adopt the words and I want to say that it's a hard decision for a Finance chair. I had the privilege of sitting on Finance, and I haven't come against any bills at that time to stop the Finance or say no to. Having written a letter to my community or to the unions or to come against these Finance chairs or the Finance bills that come in, neither did I even do it in Labor nor in CAI. We passed these bills on the floor or in our committees, and now we're here standing to go against what the bill's, how the money went out. But as a football player, as a football coach, some of the coaches would have to call a play to win the game. And that coach want to win that game. But we may not agree with the play that the coach calls out there and that final destination might be a lose, might be a win, but we don't give up on our team.

"As sitting down as a team player with our committee, with our caucus, if I want to make a difference, if I want to make a change, I will try to find a way to get involved more. To next time write that letter, to next time step up and get people involved, and to say a big word. So, Mr. Speaker, I support this bill. And if I want to make a difference, I need to step up more. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I certainly hear the concerns of our members. My concern was the \$500 million going to the rainy day fund, perhaps could have been used to shore up some of the needs in some of our other programs. But with that said, at the end of the day, I support this bill, and I'll tell you why.

"It was a huge win for early education, about \$38 million going to educate three-year-olds. Preschool Open Doors program, we're expanding that. We already cover four-year-olds. It's a win for education. When our kids go to kindergarten, they're ready to go. By third grade, if they're up to par with their reading level, they're going to do well. If not, the statistics are daunting.

"But it's a win for education and it's a win for the economy. People will ask, this is early education, how is it a win for the economy? Well, many of these kids, three- and four-year-olds, are in the lower-income brackets. And they may be a single-parent household, they may have both parents. But with this bill and with this funding, these single-parent households or dual-parent households can work full time. Because now their three- and four-year-olds will be going to an early Preschool Open Doors program, getting their education while mom and dad work, eventually getting off public assistance and paying their taxes. This is good for the economy.

"I also wanted to say, a win for early education, it's also a win for health care. I'll explain why. I think the chair of Finance did quite well, \$30 million in state general funds, which will draw down \$42.8 million in federal Medicaid funds. Why is that important? It's reimbursement to our doctors, to our nurses, to our healthcare professionals. Why? Hawai'i's got nearly an 800-doctor shortage. We've got a professional healthcare shortage in our state.

"There's an exodus of doctors going to the mainland because they are not reimbursed enough. This will stop that. We're going to keep our doc's nurses here with this bill, which will make Medicaid reimbursement, which was originally 60% of Medicare, now equal, 100% of Medicare. Now, I know Medicare is not the highest reimbursement rate, but it's significantly higher than Medicaid. And before, they were only getting 60% reimbursed of Medicare. This draws it up to 100% of Medicare. It's a win for our doctors, our nurses, it's also a win for Hawai'i's Medicaid population. How is this, what, 100 people, 100,000? How many people? Four hundred sixty-four thousand Hawai'i residents are on Medicaid. Why is this a win for them? Access to health care. Docs not taking Medicaid clients, reimbursement too low. This is a game changer because now it allows access to health care for 464,000 people in the State of Hawai'i on Medicaid.

So, at the end of the day, it's a win. Is it a perfect budget? No. Can we do better? Absolutely. Are we focused on better transparency next year? 100% yes, I agree. But at the end of the day, we did get some wins. So, I wanted to thank all members. I value all their comments, whether it's for or against this bill. At the end of the day, though, I support this budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I would just like to thank the Finance chair. We did do a lot of good things in this budget, including over \$125 million in tax relief for our working families with children, between the household and dependent care services tax credit, the earned income tax credit, and the refundable food and excise tax credit, it's much-needed relief to our families. And if I could also have the words of the majority leader inserted into the Journal as if they were my own. Thank you, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In opposition. I would like to thank everybody involved with getting this budget this far. At the same time, I'm voting no because I believe there's a lot of issues in our state, and this budget would continue those issues. We are giving a lot of money to the leadership in our state. Let me read to us the salaries. So, for the governor, he will get \$184,000 every year from this budget. Lieutenant governor gets \$183,000. The director of the state gets \$183,000, attorney general, *et cetera*. Second department directors like DAGS, DEBDT, DCCA, *et cetera*, they get \$147,000 every year from this budget. So, we're all voting, some of us yes, some of us no, in favor of these high salaries to our public servants.

"There's some other issues I have with this budget. We are basically funding more of the problem. I believe most of the government is the problem. While a lot of us here have selfless intentions trying to help, I believe a lot of the problems in our state are because of our big budget. A \$22 billion budget I think is too much. A \$2.6 billion surplus is too much.

"The things that are good I think about budgets in general is pro learning, pro transportation, pro Department of Defense, pro police and law enforcement, pro school improvements, pro increasing teacher's pay. But because there's so many things that can be improved in this budget, I vote no."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First of all, I really want to thank all the members for allowing me to be your CIP chair this year. It's a role that I took very seriously, it's a role that I try to do my best and work hard at. But I know it's an important role for our state and for our members. And for that, I'm grateful for you to trust me to do this.

"As I said in my speech for HD 1, the things that we are going to emphasize in CIP was going to be health and safety and education. And the final product that came out, I'm very proud of. We spent \$175 million on state hospitals statewide. And we put \$878 million in public schools and libraries for CIP statewide, and another almost \$400 million for public colleges statewide. And these are all projects that members said that were important to them and were important to their communities. And I think there's a lot in our CIP budget that we can hang our hats on and be proud of. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts on today's budget. And for me, I had the privilege and opportunity, thanks to all of you, to work on grants-in-aid, which is included in today's budget. And through grants-in-aid, we were able to provide \$20 million in capital improvement projects as well as \$20 million in operating costs to support our nonprofits across the state who do excellent work to serve numerous communities and all of our communities as well.

"Just some highlights of things that we did in the grants-in-aid, we supported programs and organizations that support agriculture and to grow and develop our agriculture industry, including farmers. We supported programs that support *keiki* and education, increasing afterschool programming, increasing literacy opportunities. We supported programs that support families. We put a lot of money into diaper banks, into programs that are going to strengthen families, parents, and parental education.

"We supported programs that support victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. We provided funding for programs that address homelessness and support individuals who are going through homelessness, whether it's youth or whether it's just programing like IHS, HHRC, Project Vision, all of these different programs that support homelessness. We supported programs that increase food security through food hubs, through the food bank. We supported health care, hospitals. We supported mental health initiatives.

"So, this budget provides \$40 million to all of these organizations that work tirelessly every day in our communities to provide this support. So, I am in strong support of today's budget. Thank you very much."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 41 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Poepoe, Tam, Ward, and Woodson voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Cochran, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

At 12:13 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

At 12:13 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

At this time, the Chair recognized the Clerk who announced:

"Mr. Speaker, I have been informed by a representative of the President of the Senate that the conference committee report for House Bill No. 300, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, was adopted and said House Bill, Relating to the State Budget, passed final reading in the Senate at 11:34 a.m. on this day.

"In addition, I have been informed by the Assistant Clerk of the House that at 12:16 p.m. on this day, House Bill No. 300, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, was duly transmitted by the Legislature to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, Section 9 of the Hawai'i State Constitution."

H.B. No. 933, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 933, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

H.B. No. 1366, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1366, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. There are no throwaway people in our society. I also wanted to say that homelessness is complex, but we have another tool to address this issue. Quick background on why I support this bill. Why do we have homeless? It's a rhetorical question, of course. A number of our people suffer from a mental condition, an addiction, and some suffer from both. It's termed 'dually diagnosed.' We have veterans who place their lives in harm's way to protect our freedoms and return to us with post-traumatic stress disorder. Others have employment but are just not able to maintain a home or rental unit due to the high cost of living in our state. Some of our homeless are domestic violence victims and others were forced into sex or labor trafficking. And finally, some people choose to be homeless, which is their choice. It's not against the law.

"Policies to address homeless, we've got a few. The Housing First program helps chronically homeless. These are the ones with generally a drug addiction and a mental condition dually diagnosed. These are the hardest to provide shelter for. We've passed Ohana Zones. I remember 15 years ago, this was a laughable concept. And I'm not here to pick on any party or any governor. But back then, I remember working with Governor Lingle's administration and they, when we brought up Ohana Zones, they thought this was a joke.

"And yet today, when we look at our state budget, we place \$15 million for fiscal year 2023-2024 to provide homeless individuals with a secure zone, with housing, meals, hygienic centers, and wraparound social services. We've got *kauhale* projects, these are housing villages for the homeless, adding \$15 million for fiscal year 2023-2024 and another \$33 million for fiscal years 24-25. That's \$63 million for homeless projects, counting Ohana Zones.

"And you heard the chair of Housing. They've done a great job, the current chair and the past chair, they've worked to pass and increase measures for increase in affordable housing units and rental housing units. Finally, we have a statewide homeless coordinator and Honolulu has a city homeless coordinator to navigate and coordinate the homeless shelters, housing villages, and service programs for the homeless.

"And today, Mr. Speaker, the Legislature will have the opportunity to make Hawai'i the first state in the nation to have a successful state-supported return to home program. Please note that New York had a program to send their homeless out of state, but it failed because they simply exported their homeless without a support plan. New York's program failed to ensure that these homeless individuals would be received by families on the mainland, a strong support system to help them navigate and get back on their feet. Upon arrival, they did not have the support, that's why their program failed.

"It may seem counterintuitive that I'm against the New York program but I'm advocating for Hawai'i's program. Let me explain. Most importantly, our program will contact the family on the mainland to confirm their acceptance of this family member or loved one into their household. The program will not send a homeless person to any state where they will continue to be homeless. The individual's participation is completely voluntary. And an individual shall participate in the return to home program

only once and shall sign an agreement to this effect, the Department of Human Services to keep such records.

"The program shall assist participants with the necessary preparation for travel, proper ID, access and transportation to the airport, preparations relating to airport security, and ensuring personal hygiene.

"Rhetorical question number two. How do we know this program is going to be a success? Well, looking at testimony on this measure dated March 15, 2023 by former Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the president of the Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association."

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

Representative Mizuno continued, stating:

"Thank you, representative. Mufi Hannemann provided his testimony in relevant part, again I quote, it was reported that nearly 800 people participated and just 2% have returned to Hawai'i. We believe a major reason for the high level of success of our program was that it required the individual to be met at their destination by a family member or a loved one. He's talking about the return to home program that they initiated.

"Testimony on the bill, also dated March 15, 2023, by Connie Mitchell, the executive director of the Institute for Human Services, probably our top expert on homelessness in the state, provides in relevant part, again I quote Connie Mitchell, the program has by all accounts been a success, and at its peak pre-COVID, was successful in relocating over 100 people each year. In the past eight years, we have helped relocate over 600 people from O'ahu primarily to the mainland U.S. and neighbor islands. Mitchell goes on to say that the cost to our community to support a homeless individual is estimated on the low end at \$35,000.

"I want to reconcile the difference between Mufi Hannemann saying that they reported that nearly 800 people participated and Connie Mitchell had reported 600. Please note, Connie Mitchell's talking about relocated over 600 people from O'ahu. Mufi Hannemann worked on the neighbor islands, so they had an additional 200. That's the difference.

"Mr. Speaker, if this program returns just three homeless to their family on the mainland, it will exceed the entire funding for this program, which is \$100,000. The state homeless coordinator, James Koshiba, probably one of the top experts, if not behind Connie Mitchell, probably the second top expert in the state on homelessness, in a Star-Advertiser article dated May 2, 2023, provided this statement on the return to home program saying, and I quote, this is a valuable resource. I'm glad the Legislature saw fit to put resources into it.

"Mr. Speaker, I was honored to discuss this program with James Koshiba during conference and he confirmed that he would be willing to assist this program, and that's why we put him in the bill to help with the implementation of this program.

"The return to home program will work not only because our top two experts on homelessness, Connie Mitchell and James Koshiba, support this bill, but for these three reasons. It's going to reunite the homeless individual with their family. This is a strong support system which will help them heal, rehabilitate, get them back on their feet, and in time hopefully become self-sufficient again. Also, the program saves Hawai'i's taxpayers a significant amount of money. Finally, the program will protect the finite resources we have for local homeless.

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, I am not under any illusion that Hawai'i's return to home program will end homelessness, as this program is no silver bullet to our homeless situation. But it will be an important part of our state's strategic plan to have a coordinated effort to systematically reduce homelessness. For all of the foregoing reasons, I ask members to vote up on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Strong support. Mr. Speaker, by way of cost and compassion, this is probably one of the best bills we are passing this session. The former speaker, the author, I'd like to thank him for what he's done. And to know that this is not a fly by night that we're suddenly doing this. During the Abercrombie administration, we had a similar bill. It was a

pilot. but with, again, the author who just spoke as the progenitor of this. The Abercrombie administration, the director of Health, did not believe that this was something they should do, so they never spent it. So, this is the real deal, we're finally putting the money in and making this happen, reuniting families with families. That is compassion. And the cost of it is very, very minimal.

"Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to correct one thing from the former speaker, and that was his reference to the Lingle administration not knowing or caring, having forgotten. And I think he was here with me at the time, when Governor Lingle declared a state of emergency due to homelessness. Then former mayor and then Representative Caldwell objected to that. This is a bit of history, Mr. Speaker. My colleague, Cynthia Thielen, said, how heartless are you to object to the state of homelessness by Governor Lingle? So, I wanted to straighten that, for the record. She was compassionate. She was the first one to ever call homelessness a state of emergency. And quite frankly, after the 6,000 to 7,000 every year we count, it is still an emergency and this one will alleviate it to a degree.

"And lastly, on a personal note, Mr. Speaker, tonight I have a beer summit, and the beer summit featured speaker, as you were in the past, Connie Mitchell. She'll be at the Koko Marina Shopping Center at the Greek Marina at 6:00 p.m. If people want to meet what I think is the private tzar--"

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Representative Ward, we're not on announcements. Please confine your remarks."

Representative Ward: "Yeah, I know that this is not something, but she mentioned Connie Mitchell just a bit ago."

Representative Nakamura rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Please stick to the subject matter."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Representative Ward, please confine your remarks unless you want me to call for a recess."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"She is the tzar of the private sector. I want to commend Connie Mitchell. I know. I'm finished. I've confined it and that's all I've got to say. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. He did say some things, but I do want to say that with so much locals leaving Hawai'i because they can't afford to live here, it's nice to see the non-locals going home. Thank you."

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

"In strong support. I'd like to adopt my words of District 29, Kalihi. Thank you, as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support. I'd like to thank this body for introducing and advancing a measure that will send homeless people away from Hawai'i back to their home on the mainland. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1366, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

H.B. No. 870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

H.B. No. 600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations. My reservations come from the portion of the measure that add the standing committee chairs to the board. As I stated on Tuesday, if we're going to add members, I believe that we should defer to your wisdom, Mr. Speaker, and let you name them yourself. Thank you."

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

"In strong support. Mr. Speaker, last year, according to the Department of Transportation and other state agencies, there were over 100 traffic fatalities involving pedestrians throughout the state. There were issues of people getting hit by cars throughout urban Honolulu. My district has advocated vehemently for improved sidewalks, the ability to move through their community safely and freely. I think it might be kind of surprising, but safe sidewalks means safe communities. As neighbors get to know each other and walk to and from school and work, they have eyes on the street, they get to support better public safety. I want to thank the chair of Transportation for his diligent work in conference. This is one of the bright spots of this year. And I hope that we can get out in time for our press conference at 2:30 p.m. in the Rotunda."

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

"Thank you, in support. I just wanted to share some of the prior concerns about me being a member of this committee. And I'll do my best to do less work on it, I guess? That's all."

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

"Mr. Speaker, also in strong support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to commend the body for bringing this forward and having it, if you will, overwhelm what otherwise was legalizing jaywalking. If we made jaywalking part of safe streets, that would be an oxymoron. I'm really proud that we have not passed jaywalking as legal, but we have, in effect, passed safe streets. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Holt voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

H.B. No. 554, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 554, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

S.B. No. 945, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 945, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE DIGITAL CURRENCY LICENSURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kapela, Matsumoto, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

H.B. No. 676, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 676, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Nakamura moved to recommit H.B. No. 676, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. Thank you, my fellow members. I believe the public will appreciate this."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 676, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS," was recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representatives Hashem, Lowen, and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 and H.B. No. 660, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 660, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 and H.B. No. 992, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 992, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 and H.B. No. 1000, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1000, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 and H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 and H.B. No. 1004, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1004, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83 and H.B. No. 1006, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1006, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 and H.B. No. 1010, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1010, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 and H.B. No. 278, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 278, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 and H.B. No. 1255, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1255, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 and H.B. No. 451, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 451, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 and H.B. No. 848, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 848, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MARINE BIOLOGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 and H.B. No. 1200, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1200, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 and H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118 and H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. I also do want to mention that this is a watered-down version of the versions that came prior. And specifically, I am disappointed that the \$65 million that was a part of the previous Senate version for bulkhead repairs is not in this CD 1. The \$6 million for the environmental impact statement for Hakuone is not in here as well. And the \$13 million for Kukaniloko is not in here as well.

"I feel that we wouldn't have to necessarily penny pinch as to what is coming out of the general fund if OHA was realizing the full benefits of the ceded land revenues that's owed to them. And so, going forward, I hope that we can continue to support Hawaiians and our Hawaiian community. And I am in support of this bill, but I think that we could fund OHA better. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, in support. This measure that we're passing right now provides the Office of Hawaiian Affairs everything that they asked for in their original budget, and I think that's a strong position that we should take from the House. So, I urge all members to vote for this. Thank you."

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

"In support. I'd like to insert the comments of the representative from Kapolei as if they were my own. And I'd also additionally like to add that as the budget moves through the process, it has become clear to me that many in my community were asking for, were seeking additional support for Kukamiloko, so I am similarly disappointed in the failure to fund that. *Mahalo*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Souza rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Second time in support, and I would like to just address the previous, previous speaker's comment. A lot of times I think that Hawaiians and OHA in particular, they only ask for what they think they can get. And I think that that's been a problem in the past. And so, I understand that that was their original request in the budget initially. But they did see the need as they kept coming back to the Legislature to fund these other things that were included in the Senate version prior to the conference version. So, I do feel that we are shortchanging them in some sense because this has been a need all along. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations, please. Mr. Speaker, clearly, we are low-balling OHA here, \$3 million for 500,000 people, give me a break. I mean, there's 250,000 Hawaiians here and there is even more on the mainland. And we talked about our budget, HB 300 is being short on taking care of people.

"The point is, until they get 20% of the ceded lands, this is going to be a continual short shrifting and otherwise denying OHA what otherwise, by the Constitution, they have been formed, but we've not funded them. And I know they only ask for that amount because they know we are so stingy in terms of giving Hawaiian issue. Now I don't mention the \$600 billion because that's an entirely different issue. In fact, since we've given the \$600, we kind of stop paying attention to a lot of the OHA issue. The point is, \$3 million does not represent the commitment that the people of Hawai'i have for the indigenous people. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd just like to adopt the words from the first time from the representative from Kapolei," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I appreciate the work by the Judiciary chair making sure that OHA gets their request. I have expressed to OHA that I don't believe that they should be requesting these funds but that is contingent upon us fully funding their public land trust. We're still millions and millions of dollars short of paying them what they're owed. I look forward to working with the governor and OHA, with the working group that we passed last year, to get a clearer inventory and a more accurate figure on the public land trust revenues given to OHA. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119 and H.B. No. 1113, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1113, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING

LABORATORY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120 and H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 and S.B. No. 894, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 894, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131 and H.B. No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I wanted to add to the words of the representative from Puna, in strong support. This was actually part of a bill last year that was excised in the very first committee, and I am so grateful that the Majority Caucus decided to champion this particular program and expand it to a neighbor island. This would provide services with specialists for child and adolescent mental health to go out into the community where they have a crisis, whether it's possibly self-harm or harm to others, or just something that their care providers cannot handle, and then also provide ongoing care for up to two months if needed and get them into long-term services.

"It is an investment, but it's something that can prevent much larger costs because you would not need to have these kids end up in emergency room, in a psychiatric ward, in other types of residential living situations, including juvenile detention. And it's an opportunity to keep them in their homes with whoever is providing care for them, be they foster parents or their birth families, and give them a chance to stay there. So, I really appreciate this investment. I hope the pilot is successful and, in a few years, we come back to make it permanent. Thank you."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 and H.B. No. 968, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 968, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I would like to first thank our chairs of CAI and also Higher Education for their support and hard work on this measure. For those of you who don't know, *pamantasan* is a Filipino word which means higher education. For many Filipinos who are first generation college students, they lack role models, support systems, and university services to help them successfully navigate the higher education

setting. However, they possess the ingredients to excel in education, contribute as professionals in Hawai'i's workforce, and be outstanding leaders.

"As the second largest ethnic group in Hawai'i, it is critical that attention be given to the challenges faced by this population to support efforts of the University of Hawai'i. I am grateful for this body for strengthening the University of Hawai'i and the Pamantasan Council's ability to respond to the growing needs of the second largest ethnic group in the state. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I just want the words from the representative from Waipahu, except for the part where she thanked myself, inserted into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 968, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 and H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"With reservations, Mr. Speaker. My appreciation to the introducer for his intent on this bill. I have low expectations of the Criminal Justice Research Institute after the last several years of essentially inaction by giving us information that we could use to discuss best practices in criminal justice reform. I believe that \$1.3 million is too much to spend on this research, considering that we can get much of this information locally from the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety. The Office of the Attorney General did not support this in their testimony before the Judiciary Committee. Nationally, we can get data from the Department of Justice, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Arnold foundation.

"Mr. Speaker, the fundamental questions about whether or not best practices regarding criminal justice work, whether or not things like pretrial reform, bail reform, which we don't even talk about anymore, other issues regarding how to give people better services and drug rehabilitation, whether or not they work, they have been proven in other jurisdictions, and we have that data now. Thank you so much."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Ganaden voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 and H.B. No. 999, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 999, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 and H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING FACILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 and H.B. No. 953, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 953, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 and H.B. No. 677, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 677, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 and H.B. No. 1397, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1397, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill establishes a supportive housing pilot program in the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions. It appropriates funds. So, from my understanding, we the taxpayers are building the houses of the homeless. So, the homeless who do not work, they do not try to pay taxes, they're receiving the benefits of the hard workers of Hawai'i paying their taxes. I don't think this is fair, so I'm voting no."

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

"In strong support. I just want to say that I think this is very innovative and I really appreciate the work that has gone into this by majority leader and others to provide wraparound services. And that's all, strong support."

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

"Thank you, in support. I just wanted to note that, like many other government programs, which I'm generally in support of, housing assistance for homelessness specifically is one where we have a direct spend, but it actually saves us money in the long run, due in part to the fact that the longer someone is homeless, the more we incur medical debt and those sorts of things that become very, very expensive.

"I remember in my first year here we actually had someone come in and tell us that a single homeless person once racked up \$1 million worth of emergency room visits in the course of one year. So, if you do keep them housed, you actually, while it's not like the most comfortable thing to talk about, is providing this sort of assistance, particularly to those who may be less active in trying to get out of this situation, it actually can reduce the net spend, which is generally a good thing. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May the words of the representatives from Lanikai and Hilo be entered into the Journal as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support, thank you. I also wanted to add that, to address homelessness in Hawai'i, we need to look at who's out there on our streets, living in bushes, coming out of emergency rooms and having no place to go.

"This bill was worked on over the interim all of last year. Over 85 nonprofit organizations who are working directly with homeless throughout our state were involved in a series of Zoom meetings, bringing in experts from the mainland, talking to established nonprofit developers here, and

then crafting a bill that addresses the critical piece of those with extremely low incomes that have other needs, including mental health illness, substance abuse issues, people coming out of prison, people aging out of foster care, people with mental and developmental and physical disabilities.

"And this bill is a small attempt, a pilot program, to see how we can successfully house these individuals over the long term, and house them successfully so we don't rack up excessive fees in our institutions, in our state hospital, in our prisons, and in our emergency rooms and hospitals. So, thank you for the opportunity to explain why this bill is so critical if we want to truly address our homelessness problem in Hawai'i."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1397, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 and H.B. No. 964, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 964, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 and H.B. No. 353, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 353, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 and S.B. No. 588, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 588, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCESSIVE NOISE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Kila, and Poeopoe, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

At 1:04 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

- H.B. No. 933, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2
- H.B. No. 1366, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
- H.B. No. 870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2
- H.B. No. 600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
- H.B. No. 554, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
- S.B. No. 945, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
- H.B. No. 660, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 992, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1000, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1004, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1006, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1010, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 278, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1255, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 451, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 848, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1200, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1113, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- S.B. No. 894, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 968, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 999, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

- H.B. No. 953, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- H.B. No. 677, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 1397, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 964, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
- H.B. No. 353, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
- S.B. No. 588, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 and S.B. No. 814, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 814, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 and H.B. No. 1382, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1382, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. It's one of the more creative, out-of-the-box ways to feed the hungry, feed the homeless. It takes finally those feral animals and provides them as kosher meals that can be served to those districts which don't have it. So, it's a great, innovative way of using what we have as a natural resource. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1382, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT DONATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 and H.B. No. 1359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 and S.B. No. 1076, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1076, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 and S.B. No. 1163, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1163, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 and S.B. No. 1527, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1527, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163 and S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. I'd like to thank this body for putting forth effort to decrease fireworks. When I went door to door throughout Waipahu, it was an especially high point of interest that we had less fireworks there."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 and S.B. No. 941, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 941, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 and S.B. No. 1586, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1586, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 and S.B. No. 295, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 295, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 and S.B. No. 1592, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1592, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 and S.B. No. 67, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 67, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON BEACHES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 and S.B. No. 1370, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1370, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSES TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 and S.B. No. 404, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 404, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 and S.B. No. 1534, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1534, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Alcos and Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 and S.B. No. 900, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 900, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 and S.B. No. 674, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 674, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 and S.B. No. 865, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 865, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Cochran, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Kila, Perruso, and Poeopoe voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 and S.B. No. 1064, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1064, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DAM AND APPURTENANCE SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182 and S.B. No. 813, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 813, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. Mr. Speaker, you and I and everyone else here in this room, we are state workers. We get paid on the 5th and the 20th. That isn't the case for court interpreters who perform a vital and necessary service to our democracy. Court interpreters usually get paid around \$25 an hour. When they came to the Legislature requesting a raise, instead of giving them that raise, we offer them this, which I think is an insult, by putting forward a bill that costs \$20,000 for a study to determine their worth. Presuming this study would look at the cost-of-living allowance in the counties where court interpreters work, I believe that's a waste of money, Mr. Speaker, as we can look up a variety of COLAs using information from the Department of Defense and Housing, our State Tax Office, or nonprofits that create spreadsheets regularly.

"Mr. Speaker, this bill is a disrespect to the hardworking people that help our justice system run and I'm ashamed that it was not given more weight, considering it was a priority of the Filipino Caucus. Because there is a disproportionate impact of the justice system on certain communities, this bill will lead to injustice for immigrants who make up a large part of our workforce. Members of the Chuukese, Marshallese, Tagalog, Ilocano, and Mandarin-speaking communities, many who may in fact be not guilty, who

are facing criminal cases and the possibility of deportation, will continue to have a difficult time before the courts, as essentially, interpreters are doing this work for a pittance of what they deserve.

"I vote no, Mr. Speaker, so as to not normalize the use of fake studies to defray the passage of well-articulated and necessary measures for our communities."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 813, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT INTERPRETERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 and S.B. No. 898, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 898, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 and S.B. No. 1141, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1141, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 and S.B. No. 830, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 830, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 and S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Ward offered Floor Amendment No. 14, amending S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by deleting Sections 1, 2, and 3.

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by inserting a new Section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The legislature finds that climate change and sea level rise pose significant, dangerous, and imminent threats to the State's social and economic well-being, public safety, nature and environment, cultural resources, property, infrastructure, and government functions and will likely have a disproportionate impact on low-income and otherwise vulnerable communities. A 2017 report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projected that 3.2 feet of global mean sea level rise will occur by 2100 in an intermediate scenario and could occur as early as the 2060s in an extreme scenario.

The climate change adaptation priority guidelines of the Hawaii State Planning Act, codified under chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, direct the State to prepare for the impacts of climate change. Additionally, section 226-109(8), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires these guidelines to foster cross-jurisdictional collaboration between county, state, and federal agencies and partnerships between government and private entities and other nongovernmental entities, including nonprofit entities, to address climate change. Also, section 225M-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the office of planning and sustainable development to work with state agencies to identify existing and planned facilities, including critical infrastructure, that are

vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding impacts, and natural hazards, utilizing projections and map data from the most recent update of the Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report, the state hazard mitigation plan, and other pertinent data and scientific reports to aid in this planning.

The legislature recognizes that it is in the long-term interest of the State to also consider climate resiliency in the development of all communities, which considers strategies to reduce the vulnerability from climate-related shocks, such as hurricanes and drought, and improves the ability to recover from these disasters.

The purpose of this Act is to amend the Hawaii state planning act to require new development to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate-resilient development in the design and siting of buildings."

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by inserting a new Section 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Section 226-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) To achieve the general facility systems objective, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Accommodate the needs of Hawaii's people through coordination of facility systems and capital improvement priorities in consonance with state and county plans.
- (2) Encourage flexibility in the design and development of facility systems to promote prudent use of resources and accommodate changing public demands and priorities.
- (3) Ensure that required facility systems can be supported within resource capacities and at reasonable cost to the user.
- (4) Pursue alternative methods of financing programs and projects and cost-saving techniques in the planning, construction, and maintenance of facility systems.
- (5) Identify existing and planned state facilities that are vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding impacts, and natural hazards.
- (6) Assess a range of options to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise to existing and planned state facilities.
- (7) Require that new development consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate-resilient development in the design and siting of buildings."

SECTION 4. Senate Bill No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by inserting a new Section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. Section 226-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"**[H]§226-109[H] Climate change adaptation priority guidelines.** Priority guidelines to prepare the State to address the impacts of climate change, including impacts to the areas of agriculture; conservation lands; coastal and nearshore marine areas; natural and cultural resources; education; energy; higher education; health; historic preservation; water resources; the built environment, such as housing, recreation, transportation; and the economy shall:

- (1) Ensure that Hawaii's people are educated, informed, and aware of the impacts climate change may have on their communities;
- (2) Encourage community stewardship groups and local stakeholders to participate in planning and implementation of climate change policies;
- (3) Invest in continued monitoring and research of Hawaii's climate and the impacts of climate change on the State;
- (4) Consider native Hawaiian traditional knowledge and practices in planning for the impacts of climate change;
- (5) Encourage the preservation and restoration of natural landscape features, such as coral reefs, beaches and dunes, forests, streams, floodplains, and wetlands, that have the inherent capacity to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the impacts of climate change;
- (6) Explore adaptation strategies that moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities in response to actual or expected climate change impacts to the natural and built environments;

- (7) Promote sector resilience in areas such as water, roads, airports, and public health, by encouraging the identification of climate change threats, assessment of potential consequences, and evaluation of adaptation options;
- (8) Foster cross-jurisdictional collaboration between county, state, and federal agencies and partnerships between government and private entities and other nongovernmental entities, including nonprofit entities;
- (9) Use management and implementation approaches that encourage the continual collection, evaluation, and integration of new information and strategies into new and existing practices, policies, and plans; ~~and~~
- (10) Encourage planning and management of the natural and built environments that effectively integrate climate change policy[-]; ~~and~~
- (11) Require that new development consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate-resilient development in the design and siting of buildings."

Representative Ward moved that Floor Amendment No. 14 be adopted, seconded by Representative Garcia.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in a commonsense context for why I'm doing an amendment on this. First, central to American jurisprudence and to the Constitution, basically the values that we live by and defend, is equal opportunity and equality under the law. Mr. Speaker, that means that we should treat everything equally. And unfortunately, this bill, SB 1417, singles out only the Kaka'ako and the Kalaehoa area that should be aware of sea level rise in the event that it happens.

"Some of you who were here when our good colleague Cynthia Thielen was here, she spoke on this floor saying, beware Waikiki, by 2035 or 2040, she said, we're going to be five feet underwater. Mr. Speaker, this amendment puts equality to any shoreline area to be subject to this, not just what otherwise is a suspected Kaka'ako as being in the crosshairs for OHA's building. But for now, let's open it to all shores in all islands. If you have sea level rise on your island and you have buildings by which, because of the danger of sea level rise, this bill will allow you to have jurisdiction to relocate it.

"Mr. Speaker, this levels the playing field. It's a fair way of looking at sea level rise, not just at Kaka'ako or in the area of Kalaehoa. It says, Hawai'i, we are islands, and we are subject to sea level rise, particularly if you have a building right on the ocean.

"Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I urge people to just use common sense. Everybody is going to be subject to sea level rise whether we like it or not. It's an equal opportunity inundation, and this bill covers that through its amendment. Thank you."

Representative Ichiyama rose to speak in opposition to the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the floor amendment. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the introducer of the floor amendment's intentions in wanting to raise awareness of the challenges of sea level rise and climate change across our state. I think that is absolutely an issue that we need to take up. And I have no quarrel with the substance that is being proposed in this floor amendment. What I do find troubling, though, is that this is new language that has never before been considered in this bill, before this body, or before the Senate. And therefore, my concern is that it would potentially violate the Constitution's requirement for a bill to be read three times in both bodies in order for it to pass. And for those reasons, I am opposed to the floor amendment. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"How did you know I wanted to respond? Mr. Speaker, again, common sense. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Every island that has ocean-side buildings, we don't need rocket science to interpret that by saying that, well, we haven't had three readings. Some have argued that even

our budget didn't get three readings. Some have argued that the gut-and-replace never got three readings. So, to say that this is a reason for blocking commonsense sea level, which is inevitably going to be in every island's concern, we can do it in one fell swoop now.

"Again, as I said in the beginning, it's common sense. I mean, just don't point out Kaka'ako because I'm going to say things I'm going to get censored for because it's a hit against the Hawaiians. Kalaehoa takes that away a bit. But if we generically put it to equal opportunity under the law, any place, any building, not just OHA's building, but any building, Waikiki or wherever in Lahaina, those that may be subject to this, they should be included. Again, common sense. Sea level rise is an equal opportunity inundation. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 14, amending S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry, with Representatives Aiu, Gates, Lowen, Martinez, Matayoshi, Nishimoto, Todd, and Yamashita being excused.

(Main Motion)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 and S.B. No. 1588, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1588, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 and S.B. No. 1552, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1552, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 and S.B. No. 743, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 743, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 and H.B. No. 33, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 33, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 and H.B. No. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 and H.B. No. 1018, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1018, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48

ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 and H.B. No. 1020, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1020, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195 and H.B. No. 1022, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1022, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 and S.B. No. 975, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 975, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker. Just wanted to say thank you to our House Health chair as well as the Senate Health chair for their hard work on this measure. I also am incredibly grateful to House leadership, to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the Finance and Judiciary chairs for passing this measure and for their support.

"For the first time, we are going to be enacting a statewide tobacco tax on e-cigarette products. For over a decade, vaping products remained unregulated in the state. And it was during this time that we saw an entire new generation get hooked on nicotine. It was also during this time that we saw a lot of our teen advocates grow up and during their support for this measure, they're now in full time jobs as adults.

"But today, they get to see their hard work pay off because we will be passing comprehensive regulations in addition to tobacco tax parity. This would also require vape shops to obtain a tobacco permit and license and also restrict online shipping and sales to only those who are registered. This is a good bill and a good public health bill and I urge the members to support this measure. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support and just very brief comments. I just want to echo some of the comments of the previous speaker. This bill is 10 years in the making. I do want to acknowledge my Senate counterpart as well as the Senate introducer who has worked so long and hard on this. I also want to thank and acknowledge the newer members of this chamber who really were strong advocates. And so, it's the combination of newer members and advocates who have supported us in the past that really got this over the finish line. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 975, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 and S.B. No. 239, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 239, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING ACCREDITATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 and S.B. No. 833, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 833, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAHIAWA IRRIGATION SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 and S.B. No. 318, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 318, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, in support. Just wanted to thank the Senate chair of Health and Human Services, along with our vice chair for Human Services and Darlyn Scovell for helping to move this bill and having this become law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 318, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 and S.B. No. 435, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 435, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 and S.B. No. 1277, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1277, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ruling on a potential conflict. There are two claims that have been added to this measure that are claims that my law firm has worked on. I have not worked on it. So, just ruling on a potential conflict."

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"Alright, representative, the Chair's ruling is that there is no conflict."

Representative Belatti: "Further request for recusal, just in the abundance of caution, Mr. Speaker."

The Chair then stated:

"Alright, the request for recusal is granted."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1277, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Belatti, Lowen, and Martinez being excused.

At 1:20 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 814, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1382, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 1076, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 1163, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 1527, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 941, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1586, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 295, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1592, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 67, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1370, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 404, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1534, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 900, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 674, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 865, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1064, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 813, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 898, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1141, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 830, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1588, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1552, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 743, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 33, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1018, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1020, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1022, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 975, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 239, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 833, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 318, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 435, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1277, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 and H.B. No. 382, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 382, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Thank you. On behalf of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee, I want to thank this body for their support for the Judiciary. This is the budget that will provide the necessary resources to maintain the integrity of the courts and to fulfill our statutory, constitutional, and public service mandates through the Judiciary. And I ask everyone to support it. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 382, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Lowen and Martinez being excused.

At 1:21 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 382, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1

At 1:22 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR #1

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1128) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Gov. Msg. No. 1128, transmitting his statement of objections to S.B. No. 921, as follows:

"EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

April 21, 2023

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 921

Honorable Members
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 921, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Limitations of Actions."

The purpose of this bill is to extend the deadline to clarify and expressly state that the tolling provision in section 514B-141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, applies to protect the rights of condominium associations to assert legal claims for construction defects against developers until two years after the developer's control of the condominium development is terminated.

This bill is objectionable because it appears to have the unintended consequence of increasing the costs of housing. The bill creates the potential for increased liability which results in the need for additional insurance coverage, which costs are ultimately borne and paid for by the buyers. Our administration is focused on alleviating our critical housing shortage in Hawai'i and we are reluctant to enact any new law that could add costs to housing or delays in construction. While this bill has merit and I commend its sponsors for their work, I am concerned that it will only add costs on future projects, and therefore, have decided to veto this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 921 without my approval.

Respectfully,
 /s/ Josh Green, M.D.
 JOSH GREEN, M.D.
 Governor of Hawai'i"

Gov. Msg. No. 1128 and S.B. No. 921:

Representative Nakamura moved to override the veto of S.B. No. 921, as contained in Gov. Msg. No. 1128, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Sayama rose to speak in support of the override, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. This measure passed overwhelmingly by the House. It aims to protect the condominium association's right of action against a developer when there is found to be structural defects in the construction of the condominium building. Under current law, this right is taken away by the association if the developer retains control of the board for over ten years. SB 921 simply fixes this loophole by clarifying that the condominium association retains their right of action against the developer who has terminated control over the board for two years.

"To be clear, this circumstance affects very few condominiums. However, I believe it is prudent that this body moves to fix this loophole and that we protect the rights of condominium owners, that we hold developers accountable who are responsible for faulty construction.

"I do want to address the concerns that have arisen in the last hearing in Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs as well as in the subsequent days. Concerns that this new policy that fixing this loophole will increase the cost of housing. I'd like to reassure the members that through the four hearings and the 21 written testimonies, that we have received no testimony indicating substantive proof that this policy would substantially increase the cost of housing.

"And so, I think that there are some concerns out there, but even if you do recognize them, those concerns shouldn't overshadow the importance of protecting a condominium owner's and the association's right of action to protect their home, to get justice from developers who had failed to build their homes properly, as promised. And so, for these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully urge the body to once again support this measure and vote to override this veto. And I would like to affirm that your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce will work with community stakeholders who have concerns over the interim and address them in the next legislative session. So, again, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support, and I respectfully request the body's support on this override. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I speak against the override. Mr. Speaker, we made promises at the beginning of this session. We're going to lower the cost of living, we're going to help out with the housing shortage, and this bill does the exact opposite if we override it. The BIA of which some on this House have just spoken, it is not a credible source. This is the Building Industry Association, who knows what housing is about, they build houses, they finance houses. They are the referees of housing. They're the ones who say, this is going to add to the cost of housing. And why would we, after promising we are going to lower your cost of living, we're going to lower the cost of housing, why would we do this, Mr. Speaker? Governor Green knows what he's doing. The BIA knows what they're doing. But I'm not sure that we on this floor know what we're doing if we override this. Thank you."

Representative Tarnas rose to speak in support of the override, stating:

"In support, thank you. Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs heard this measure. On the three committee hearings before the bill came to our committee, we had not heard any concerns about any of this opposition that is now coming up. And so, when our committee had the testimony that was in opposition from the Building Industry Association, I asked them, where were you on the earlier three committees? And they said, well, they hadn't submitted any testimony. I guess they didn't feel like it was an issue, but then it became an issue.

"Among the things that the Building Industry Association say, that it would result in additional costs for development. Well, actually, it seems like the developers would still be liable for any of the problems that are found in construction. But what this does is this allows for the association to find the problems. It gives them a couple of years after the developer gives up control in order to find potential problems that they wouldn't have found otherwise.

"The second issue they brought up was that it would have a chilling effect on development in Hawai'i. Again, I'm not a lawyer, but I'm informed that really, they're under the same legal duties, no matter. And so, it may not, in fact, have a chilling effect, but we'll have to monitor that carefully.

"The third opposition point that they brought up was that the proposed amendment is potentially unconstitutional because it treats developers differently from other parties. Well, actually, it treats all condominium developers the same. We have different statutes of limitations for different crimes, and that isn't an equal protection issue. So, I don't see how this would have any bearing on this civil side as well. So, for all these reasons, I think that this is a good bill, and I would support the override of the governor's veto. So, I urge members to support this effort. Thank you."

At this time the Chair called for a roll call vote and the motion to override the veto of S.B. No. 921, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATIONS OF ACTIONS," as contained in Gov. Msg. No. 1128, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and was approved by the required two-thirds vote of the House pursuant to Section 17 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i on the following show of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 45: Aiu, Alcos, Amato, Belatti, Chun, Cochran, Evslin, Ganaden, Garrett, Gates, Hashem, Hashimoto, Holt, Hussey-Burdick, Ichiyama, Ilagan, Kahaloa, Kapela, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, La Chica, Lamosao, Marten, Matayoshi, Mizuno, Morikawa, Nakamura, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Onishi, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Quinlan, Saiki, Sayama, Souza, Takayama, Takenouchi, Tam, Tarnas, Todd, Woodson, and Yamashita.

Noes, 4: Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, and Ward.

Excused, 2: Lowen and Martinez.

At 1:39 p.m., the Chair noted that the motion to override the veto had carried, and S.B. No. 921, as contained in Gov. Msg. No. 1128, was approved.

At 1:40 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:54 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 224 and 225) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 224, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE SPEAKER TO PERFORM AND CARRY OUT ANY OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE 2023 AND 2024 REGULAR SESSIONS," was jointly offered by Representatives Nakamura and Matsumoto.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 224 was adopted, with Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Martinez, and Quinlan being excused.

H.R. No. 225, 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 Ilagan.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 225 was adopted, with Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Martinez, and Quinlan being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, I want to say a big *mahalo* out to the person who gave us these blue leis, who is wearing blue and is a generous representative. And secondly, I'd like to invite all of you, again, to hear Ms. Connie Mitchell speak on all you want to know about homelessness in the Koko Marina Shopping Center at 6:00 p.m. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker and majority members, for the incredible opportunity to serve as majority leader. Thank you for keeping me in Honolulu on weekends, for Speaker's early morning phone calls, and television assignments, interview assignments, and for giving me a stipend for chart paper and markers.

"This session has been a learning curve for many of us in the Majority Caucus. Brand new members, first time committee chairs, new committee chair assignments for veteran members, and new leadership roles. And while we've had our ups and downs and bumps along the way, we have much to be proud of.

"We made a commitment to address homelessness and build more affordable housing on Opening Day, and we delivered. Thank you to Housing Chair Troy Hashimoto, Health Chair Della Au Belatti, Education Chair Justin Woodson, Finance Chair Kyle Yamashita, and CIP Chair Scott Nishimoto for coming through in a big way to provide housing for low, moderate, and working families in Hawai'i.

"We made a commitment to reduce taxes for working families, ALICE families, on Opening Day, and we delivered, and much more. Thank you to Economic Development Chair Daniel Holt, Finance Chair Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa for working with the Senate and delivering thousands of dollars of targeted tax relief, \$703 million over the next five years for our ALICE families.

"We made a commitment to the environment and to address climate change on Opening Day, and we delivered. Thank you to Water & Land Chair Linda Ichiyama, EEP Chair Nicole Lowen, Tourism Chair Sean Quinlan, and Finance Chair Yamashita for investing in our environment that brings so much joy, solace, and rejuvenation for all of Hawai'i's residents.

"And finally, Mr. Speaker, we made a commitment to the mental health of our residents, and we delivered. And we can do and will do much more. Thank you to Representative Lisa Marten, Health Chair Della Au Belatti, GIA Chair Lisa Kitagawa, Education Chair Justin Woodson for helping deliver critical access to mental health services to those most in need.

"Mr. Speaker, we acknowledge your leadership and thank your incredible staff for helping to move the majority agenda forward. I would also like to acknowledge Vice Speaker Ilagan in building team spirit, in ordering our

brand-new jackets and coat pins, and helping with training along the way. We would not have gotten to know each other and gained all this weight without the efforts of Majority Floor Leader Dee Morikawa, Representatives Kitagawa, Matayoshi, Quinlan, and Chef Todd, and their staff.

"I'd like to give a shout out to CPC Vice Chair Jackson Sayama for stepping up, filling in, and being the voice of Chair Nakashima. You did an incredible job. I'd like to thank my staff, Ben, Phil, Sari, and Angela for helping me down Kuliouou Ridge and for their incredible support this session. I'd like to give a shout out to our squeaky-clean gang in Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs for making good government a big part of this year's agenda. So, thank you to Chair Tarnas and Vice Chair Takayama. And finally, I'd like to thank you, all the members of the Majority Caucus, for your support."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we're now at the close of the 2023 Legislative Session, I want to make sure I take the time to thank those who really helped us get to this point. First, I'd like to thank the members of the House Republican Caucus. This year we grew in numbers, and we've had a lot to contribute. As one of my colleagues loves to say, we don't necessarily have the votes, but we have the voice.

"I'd also like to take the time to thank our House Minority Research Office. This session has had a lot of ups and downs, but I truly appreciate the unwavering dedication of our team. To all of the Republican staff, your willingness to come together and collaborate, even in the most difficult times, is truly what this building is all about. And I appreciate all you have done to make sure that positive change gets implemented for our districts and our state. To my office, to Sara, Sam, Malia, Aiden, and to our interns, Hunter, Diego, and Vincent, thank you for helping us all get to this point.

"This is the most cohesive and unified Republican Caucus I've ever seen during my tenure, believe it or not.

"To everyone in the Chief Clerk's Office, IT, Printshop, Public Access Room, LRB, Sergeant-at-Arms, our DAGS team, and all of the wonderful staff here, thank you for your time and energy.

"In my Opening Day speech, I laid out the priorities for our Republican Caucus, including combating the high cost of living, assisting families towards homeownership, supporting the rights of people to make decisions for themselves, implementing government reform, and keeping our communities safe by being tough on crime and creating pathways towards rehabilitation. This session we have taken a few steps in the right direction, but there is still so much more we can do.

"While we've passed some legislation to help high cost of living, like increasing the earned income tax credit and the refundable food excise tax credit, we needed to do more. Our caucus proposed eliminating the general excise tax on food and medical services. If this bill was passed, or even heard, it would have immediately helped the residents of Hawai'i. They wouldn't have to wait for their tax returns to see relief. This is something I hope we can collaborate on during the interim for the next session.

"We worked together and took a lot of steps forward towards increasing transparency in government and passing bills from the Campaign Spending Commission, Ethics Commission, Office of Elections, and others. However, it's still not enough. Our caucus advocated for all of the recommendations of the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct and took it one step further, proposing a 12-year term limit. Our legislative body has lost the trust of the people, and in order to earn that trust back, government reform is imperative. And next year I know we will work to do even more.

"And finally, I appreciate the work we did on rehabilitation for those in our prison population. However, we needed to do more to address the increase of crime. The people of Hawai'i are looking at us to protect them by the laws that we put into place this legislative session, and we have fallen short. The Legislature is so much more than just passing policy. It's also about how we conduct ourselves to get things done. We are an example to the rest of the state on how to have civil discourse. If we cannot treat one

another with respect and conduct ourselves with decorum in this building, how can we expect this from the people of Hawai'i?"

"I think about all the members of our legislature. I know we can do better, and we have to do better. As we close out the 2023 Legislative Session, I want to say that I am proud of all that we have accomplished. However, our work is never finished. In this interim, we must continue to forge ahead to regain the trust of the people and reestablish our legislative processes to be about the people and good policy. It is our duty to work together for the people of Hawai'i, and I look forward to working with all of you to reach this goal. Thank you."

Speaker Saiki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"The Chair has some brief closing remarks. First of all, I'd like to just begin with thank yous and acknowledgments. Thank you first to the Senate President and the members of the Senate for working with us throughout this session. Second, thank you to the vice speaker for running 97% of the floor sessions this year and for being our go-to person. Thank you to all of our staff for working so hard throughout this year to make us successful. This includes the Chief Clerk's Office, Sergeant-at-Arms, research offices, our Printshop, our IT office, the Legislative Reference Bureau, all of the staff members in our respective offices, and our custodial staff here at the State Capitol.

"So, members, as you know, this legislative session began on a positive note with the full reopening of the State Capitol, 18 new House members, and cooperation across the aisle, maybe with the exception of Representative Ward. But in just four months, you seized the opportunity to solve some of our most pressing problems. And here are some of your results.

"State park and trail repairs, native forests, plant, animal, and aquatic resource protection, tax relief for ALICE families, technology to implement a statewide green fee, grand jury reform, traffic safety, telehealth, 31 standard of conduct laws, hydrogen, gun control, 'ohana homeless zones, Medicaid physician reimbursement, invasive species control, women's reproductive protection, testing wells for the Board of Water Supply, financing for lower-income household solar and battery storage, child and adolescent crisis mobile treatment, mental health and assisted community treatment, rental housing funding, preschool, university campus security, Hawai'i Tourism Authority reform, Hilo Medical Center renovations. As you know, the list goes on and on and on.

"These achievements reflect your commitment to your community and to our entire state. We have a common goal. All of us want to advance Hawai'i so that all people have opportunity and hope. This legislative session has set a foundation that we can build upon next year. Your work will improve the lives of residents, our environment, and our commitment to the principles of justice and equality. I look forward to continuing our effort throughout the interim and thank you very much for all of your work."

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Nakamura moved that the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Matsumoto.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 2:08 p.m., the Speaker rapped his gavel and declared the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, adjourned Sine Die. (Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Martinez, and Quinlan were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 4, 2023, 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. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 33, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 278, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 353, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 382, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 451, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 554, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 600, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 660, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 677, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 848, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 933, HD 2, SD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 953, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 964, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 968, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 992, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 999, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1000, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1004, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1006, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1010, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1018, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1020, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1022, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1113, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1200, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1255, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1366, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1382, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1397, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 67, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 239, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 295, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 318, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 404, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 435, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 588, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 674, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 743, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 813, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 814, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 830, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 833, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 865, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 894, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 941, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 945, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 975, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1064, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1076, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1141, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1163, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 1370, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1417, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1527, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1534, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1552, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1586, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1588, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1592, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

House Communication dated May 4, 2023, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and

Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered the following bill, heretofore vetoed as set forth in Governor's Message dated April 21, 2023, and approved said bill by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of which the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, is entitled:

S.B. No. 921

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 995 through 999) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 995, dated May 4, 2023, informing the House that the following bill has this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 996, dated May 4, 2023, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 28, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 33, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 68, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 133, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 1592, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 997, dated May 4, 2023, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken on April 4, 2023, 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. 1268, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 998, dated May 4, 2023, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken on April 18, 2023 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolution and have moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolution has this day been adopted:

S.C.R. No. 55, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 999, dated May 4, 2023, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken on April 25, 2023 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and have moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolutions have this day been adopted:

S.C.R. No. 17, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 18, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 92, HD 1

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

S.R. No. 223, 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 4, 2023.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

A copy of the following communication from the Senate to the Governor was received:

Senate Communication dated May 5, 2023, transmitting a copy of the document certifying that on May 4, 2023, pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of Article III of the Hawai'i State Constitution, the Hawai'i State Senate and the Hawai'i State House of Representatives reconsidered Senate Bill No. 921, heretofore vetoed as set forth in a Governor's Message dated April 21, 2023, and approved said bill by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members to which each chamber is entitled. A copy of Senate Bill No. 921, designated as Act 029 of the Thirty-Second Legislature, Regular Session of 2023, was enclosed.

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The following is a list of all House employees for the 2023 Session:

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