

FOURTEENTH DAY

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Sam Satoru Kong, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Nakashima and Ward, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kobayashi introduced Stephen Morgan, former president of the Waikiki Rotary Club.

Representative Tam introduced Nathan Serota, spokesman of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation.

Representative Amato introduced Joe McDermott, chair of the rescue tube committee of Kihei-Wailea Rotary Club.

Representative Cochran thanked the Lahaina Rotary Club.

ORDER OF THE DAY**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)**

The following resolution (H.R. No. 3) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 3, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING BRANCH LOTSPEICH FOR PROVIDING CRITICAL LIFE-SAVING SERVICES AND COMMENDING HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO PROTECTING SWIMMERS ACROSS THE WORLD," was jointly offered by Representatives Nakamura, Evslin, and Morikawa.

Representative Nakamura moved that H.R. No. 3 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Nakamura recognized organizations and individuals who have helped protect swimmers and prevent drownings, and commended the honoree for his work providing public-access rescue tubes at beaches throughout Hawai'i and beyond.

Representative Evslin recognized the honoree for his work increasing access to rescue tubes and saving lives.

Representative Morikawa shared how rescue tubes save endangered swimmers, thanked the honoree for his work in water safety, and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Branch Lotspeich, Executive Director, Rescue Tube Foundation, Inc.; and Melody Lotspeich, his wife.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 3 was adopted, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

At 12:17 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 111-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1616, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1616, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE ALARMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 112-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1652, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1652, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 113-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1655, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1655, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 114-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1906, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1906, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 115-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2240, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2240, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII EDUCATOR LOANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 116-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2242, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 117-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2572, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2572, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER LOANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 118-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2759, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2759, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 119-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2148, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2148, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 120-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2048, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2048, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PROPERTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 121-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2056, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2056, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 122-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1803, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1803, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 123-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2192, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2192, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 124-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1565, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1565, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 125-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1786, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1786, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"No vote. So, this bill prohibits the sharing of personal information of clerks, election officials, and election workers for the purposes of intimidation, threats, harassment, or abuse. The intent of this bill is very good. However, I think it's aiming at the wrong issue at the moment. I think the goal should be to clean up the elections in Hawai'i versus putting more protections on the election officials. If the election official is threatened, there is already a protocol--"

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. We have exceptionally clean elections in Hawai'i."

Representative Pierick continued, stating:

"I believe there's a current process. If the election official feels threatened, they can contact law enforcement to have protections given to them and reinforced. Thank you.

"Just a point of interest. The governor of New Hampshire, his cell phone number is of public information. My cell phone number is on the internet. So, as far as creating protections for public servants, I think their information should be out there for everybody to contact them. And if you're involved in the elections, I don't think that it should be a sacred, a secluded person doing that."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1786, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 126-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1953, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1953, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. This bill would basically change things in the Hawai'i penal code. If this is going to make punishments harder, I'm in favor of this. But because there's a movement in our state to decrease punishment, I don't think this bill is probably going to lead our state in the right direction."

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

"In strong support, Mr. Speaker. This bill is meant to review the penal code and make a determination if there needs to be updates or changes to the penal code. So, I'm not sure what the previous speaker was talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1953, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 127-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2193, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2193, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 128-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2230, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2230, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 129-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2231 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2231 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Gender should not be considered in the recruitment process. May the best person who is qualified, regardless of their gender, get the job. No vote."

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

"In opposition. The bill establishes, as a goal of the state, the increased representation of female law enforcement officers in the state by 2030. So, if that would look like increased pay for women, then there's a pay disparity. If they're not going to hire men because they haven't reached their female quota, it sounds like we're excluding males from being police officers. As the former representative mentioned, if somebody wants to be a police officer, let's let them be a police officer. The best candidate should be hired. Gender shouldn't be the main factor in law enforcement."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure what the previous speaker was referencing, but this bill supports police officers' current recruitment

strategies. There's a nationwide shortage of police and law enforcement. After testimony before your Judiciary Committee, we believe there are approximately 500 total statewide openings, including around 68 with the Department of Law Enforcement, just created two years ago, as well as 400 in county police.

"Recruitment is necessary to fulfill the needs of public safety. It is also the intent of all who testified to support female recruitment. We have seen when we get female officers, less incidences of officer-involved violence, better reaction to de-escalation techniques, and better work environments. It's one of the last places in the American workplace that hasn't been fully integrated. Thank you, sir."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2231, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 130-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2234, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2234, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 131-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2457, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2457, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 132-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2461, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2461, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELAND SECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 133-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2622, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2622, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"In opposition. This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement for the state's gun buyback program. I don't think we should be taxing people to create funds in a state budget that then buy people's

firearms. If people want to sell their firearms, they should choose to sell it, maybe on a legal market, and not have to burden the state with purchasing those guns."

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. Through testimony before the Judiciary Committee, we learned that in one single buyback that happened here on O'ahu, approximately 500 firearms were submitted. Dozens of them were illegal, including ghost guns, several that had been fitted with silencers, sawed-off shotguns, and an Uzi. These are the kinds of things that we want to keep off the streets. We are not violating anyone's Second Amendment rights. We are offering them actually pennies to the dollar for what they could get probably on the black market, illegally, or in some other place. This is a public safety measure. 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. 2622, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kong voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 134-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1627, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1627, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 135-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1918, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1918, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 136-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1902, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1902, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 137-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2611, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2611, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2611, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 138-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2473, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2473, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Thank you, in support. For HB 2473, Relating to Conservation Mitigation Programs, I wanted to clarify, maybe there are some misunderstandings among my colleagues about what this is. All this is, is when there is a project, like an airfield or a windmill or something like that, they are required by law, if they are going to have an impact on wildlife, to compensate by doing a project somewhere else. And at the moment, they often set up their own individual new projects. This would allow the DLNR instead to use that funding to support their ongoing projects so that they know that A, the project works, it will have the intended beneficial environmental outcome for the threatened species, and B, it's something that will be ongoing, that can be maintained beyond the time of the project. 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. 2473, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION PROGRAMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 139-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2174, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2174, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Hussey-Burdick rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Reservations, brief comment. I know it's only second reading, but I've had dear friends die on hiking trails. And many other people that I know have gotten stuck for hours and didn't call because they thought they were going to be charged more than they could afford for their life. I understand that this bill limits the fees to only people hiking on illegal trails, but I don't think that any life is less valuable for making that questionable choice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2174, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 140-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2378,

as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2378, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 141-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2467, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2467, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENT CREDITS FOR DEMOLITION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ON PUBLIC LAND LEASES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 142-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2579, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2579, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HILO COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DISTRICT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 143-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1769, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1769, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 144-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2712, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2712, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 145-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1996, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1996, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record 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. 1996, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 146-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2101, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2101, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 147-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2536, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2536, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Matsumoto 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. 2536, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos and Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 148-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1828, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1828, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. This bill extends the state's energy efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045. So, I understand that we shut down a coal plant on the west side of O'ahu in efforts towards making renewable energy our state source of energy. But when we look at shutting down our sources of energy, and then we're now changing our dates or targets for when we have these state efficiency portfolio standards achieved, we have to look at the rolling blackouts as our status reports.

"Rolling blackouts aren't determinants of success, I think they're determinants of failure. And so, I believe our body has failed to best regulate how we have energy in our state. If we're having rolling blackouts, we're not achieving our goal of providing our residents with electricity. And so, I thank the body for introducing this measure to extend those energy efficiency dates."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Just to clarify, the energy efficiency portfolio standards are pretty unrelated to either rolling blackouts or coal plant closure, the two of which are also not related to each other. So, just clarifying that. 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. 1828, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 149-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2103, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2103, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG DURATION CLEAN ENERGY STORAGE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 150-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2123, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2123, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2123, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 151-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1624, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1624, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 152-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2003, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2003, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Mr. Speaker, on page 12, lines 19 through 21 of this bill says, 'to ensure access for all menstruating people, if a covered public building has no gender-neutral restroom, the department shall provide free menstrual products in at least one men's restroom in that covered public building and place signage in the remaining men's restrooms.' I just don't

believe that menstrual products should be in men's restrooms. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars and they will be destroyed. No vote."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First, Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that has two more committees to go through, so it is a work in progress. And secondly, as I think many ladies in this House and maybe many ladies outside in the community understand, you could be out and about in the community and an accident comes and happens, and that you might be asking your partner to go get you something, to go get you a product. That has happened to me, in fact. And so, I think we need to continue this conversation, and this is a work in progress. In support."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can I adopt the words of the chair of Health into the Journal as if they were my own. And then I also want to clarify that this bill doesn't only put them into men's restrooms. It's putting them in only if there is not a gender-neutral bathroom anywhere on the premises, which many cases across our state, we've actually moved towards gender-neutral bathrooms. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I'd like to adopt the words of the representative from Makiki. And also, may I enter some comments in the Journal," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Lamosao's written remarks are as follows:

"The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant impact on Hawai'i households. A recent survey indicates that 43.8% of the population faced difficulties in paying their daily expenses in the last seven days, including those with higher incomes. Financial strain has affected 54% of those earning between \$100,000 to \$149,999. Families earning less than \$100,000 bear an unimaginable financial burden. These statistics are alarming and emphasize the need for comprehensive measures to tackle the pandemic's financial impact on people from all walks of life.

"The pandemic has disproportionately affected women, especially in Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. A recent survey conducted by the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i (November 2021 report) found that a significant number of female respondents reported severe financial burdens. This adds to pre-existing inequalities and highlights the need for targeted measures to ensure women have access to the resources and support they need.

"Unfortunately, research reveals that many women face additional challenges in their daily lives. For instance, 86% of females have started their period unexpectedly in public, and 34% have been forced to leave their activities to retrieve menstrual products at home. Additionally, 46% of women are afraid that asking for menstrual accommodations might negatively impact their career growth. These statistics are alarming and emphasize the need for comprehensive measures to address the challenges that women face, including access to menstrual products.

"Providing access to affordable menstrual products is crucial not just for basic hygiene but also for empowering women to navigate their lives with dignity and equality. Access to free menstrual products can significantly reduce the financial burden on women, leading to improved overall well-being and economic stability. This is a small but significant step towards creating a more equitable and just society for all.

"HB 2003 can play a crucial role in tackling the challenges faced by all women, including our mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives. Lack of access to menstrual products can lead to unsafe and potentially harmful alternatives that may cause medical issues and infections. Limited access to menstrual products is a public health concern, just like the lack of access to essential hygiene products like toilet paper. By taking small steps such as these, we can contribute to a more equitable and just society for all. Let's work together to ensure that women have access to menstrual products and can navigate their lives with dignity and equality."

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

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

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

"In support. I just want to express my gratitude for the younger members of this group that have seen something is possible that my generation didn't even think of, a benefit for women. Thank you."

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

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

"In opposition. So, as previously discussed, this bill would put menstrual products in men's restrooms if a unisex bathroom isn't available. I don't think our state needs to be striving towards unisex bathrooms. So, with that premise not being highly recognized, the goal of then putting menstrual products in men's restrooms I don't think is a good idea. So, I'm going to vote no."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I think that everyone needs to remember that this bill is about accessibility, and that's pretty much the premise of what's going on here. So, thank you."

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

"With great regret, Mr. Speaker, a no vote."

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

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

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

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

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

"In strong support. I'd like to adopt the words of the chair of Human Services as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to be the only male standing in support here. I'm just surprised by the fragile masculinity in this body. It's really not that big of a deal. If you got to go in and pick up a tampon in a men's restroom and hand it to somebody else, really not hurting anybody. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I just want to ensure that he's not the only one that stands up as a male to talk about this bill. Again, this bill is about access. I don't see any problem about providing it in a men's restroom. If I am walking with someone and they go into a women's restroom and they said that they're out of products there, I can easily go into a men's restroom to grab one for them, and I think that's a great idea. Thank you so much."

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Still in opposition, Mr. Speaker. Maybe if the body would amend this in its next committee to include free shavers and shaving cream for men, perhaps condoms, *et cetera*, this is ridiculous. No vote."

Representative Kapela rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order. That is not relevant to this bill."

Representative Garcia: "It's a recommendation. Thank you."

Representative Tam rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, still in support. I just want to clarify that men shaving their beards is very different than menstruating, so there's no comparison. 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. 2003, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, with Representatives Holt and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Pierick, and Quinlan voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 153-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2330, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2330, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 154-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2196, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2196, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 155-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2499, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2499, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 156-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1934, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1934, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 157-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2267, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2267, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations and a brief comment. Automated enforcement systems potentially violate the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution and Article I, Section 14 of the Hawai'i State Constitution. Specifically, the right to confront your accuser. 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. 2267, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kahaloa: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just another wonderful, friendly reminder on behalf of our chair of the Agriculture & Food Systems Committee, that Ag Day is tomorrow. So, please join us. And we're just grateful for the Hawai'i Farm Bureau for helping host and bring Ag Day to the Capitol. *Mahalo.*"

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair would like to remind members of today's triple referral filing deadline. For any bills moving from their first committees to their second committees in a triple referral, you must file the committee reports with the Chief Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. this evening. Again, that is 6:00 p.m. this evening. Please allow yourselves and your staff sufficient time to file your reports before the deadline."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:45 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, February 8, 2024. (Representatives Aiu, Lowen, Nakashima, and Ward were excused.)