

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Friday, February 16, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:01 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Lauren Matsumoto, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Kapela, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd, who were excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 9) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 9, transmitting S.B. No. 2392, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 15, 2024.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the following Senate Bill passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Hashem, Kapela, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd were excused.)

S.B. No. 2392, SD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Ilagan introduced his staff: Nicky Watts, Kari Sochor, Boram Shin, Krista Aoki; and his constituent, Hayden Tucker.

Representative Evslin introduced members of the Shanti Alliance Club from Island School: Nathaniel Evslin, Max Evslin, Jude Washburn, Ilihia Ventura, Mahina Dameron, Mehana Dameron, and Emily Racpan.

Representative Matsumoto introduced her staff: Sharon Claproth, Sanjuana Soriano, Sierra Lynn, Aiden Waldrep, and Meghan Dougherty; and her children, Noah and Noelle Matsumoto.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representatives Matayoshi and Hashem, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 481-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2395, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2395, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Hashem, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 482-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2396, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2396, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Tarnas, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 483-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1967, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1967, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICES FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 484-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1653, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1653, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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 introducing a measure that increases the pay of teachers."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1653, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 485-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2620, HD 1 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. 2620, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 486-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1530, 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. 1530, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"A ruling on a potential conflict of interest. My spouse is a county firefighter," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

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

"Ruling on a potential conflict. My husband is a firefighter," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1530, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 487-24)

recommending that H.B. No. 2069, 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. 2069, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 488-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2235, 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. 2235, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 489-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1654, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1654, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kapela 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. 1654, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kapela voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 490-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2356, 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. 2356, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 491-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2548, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2548, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support, I rise with a brief comment. Mr. Speaker, my concern is, this is very good in one sense because it uses interested, already owned property which will, with the right size, be able to build another one. And this gives you the money to do that. That is great. It's using, we don't have to buy new land, we just incentivize those who have land who can build and can rent and increase the housing supply.

"My reservation, that's not the right word, my hesitation is that the incentives are not big enough. Case in point, Mr. Speaker, this will give you, for example, a \$300,000 loan at 6%. Six percent is almost market rate. And if you've got a 6% loan, you're going to have to pay \$1,800 a month. And if we look at the market rent for a two bedroom in Lahaina at \$2,450, that gives you about \$600 net. But that's not really net because you got to pay GET tax, you may be inclined to have repairs, who knows what they're going to do with the TAT tax with these things. The point is, it's a pretty slim one. And generally speaking, entrepreneurially, people don't invest money unless they're 60% or 70% sure that they're going to make money.

"This is probably squeaky clean. Okay, if you've got a lot of money and you want to do good, you probably will do this. But for those who want to be incentivized, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest there's enough wiggle room in the interest rate. If you could pull that one down, I think you would get a lot more participation. Because we need housing, we need housing in Maui, we need it fast. And this is a good bill, it just needs to be tweaked a little bit better. And I know the man who put it together is a businessman, and I'm sure he's listening intently. Thank you, sir."

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

"In support, thank you. This measure would, through HHFDC, would loan money out to CDFIs at 1% interest and allow the CDFIs to reloan that out to qualified individuals at between 1% and 6% interest rates. The intention here is that many families simply won't qualify for financing nowadays, especially with high interest rates. And by providing that money through CDFIs, these are financial institutions which are dedicated to support working-class families and communities, this ensures that working-class households can get access to capital to build an ADU, provide family for housing members, or possibly to get rental income to afford a mortgage. So, I think this is a good 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. 2548, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Perruso, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 492-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1844, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1844, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1844, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Perruso, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 493-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2248, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2248, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2248, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Perruso, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 494-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2805, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2805, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Tamas, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 495-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2695, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2695, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Tamas, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 496-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2696, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2696, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAHAINA WILDFIRE RECOVERY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 497-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2475, 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. 2475, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 498-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1925, 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. 1925, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 1925, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 499-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2471, 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. 2471, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 500-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1919, 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. 1919, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Tam 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. 1919, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 501-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1688, 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. 1688, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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. 1688, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Kong voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 502-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2406, 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. 2406, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2406, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 503-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2665, 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. 2665, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2665, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 504-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2414, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2414, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 505-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1829, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1829, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1829, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 506-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2341, 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. 2341, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kong 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. 2341, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 507-24) recommending that

H.B. No. 1852, 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. 1852, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 508-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2182, 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. 2182, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 509-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1793, 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. 1793, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 510-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1675, 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. 1675, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 511-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2800, 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. 2800, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Nakashima, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 512-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1591, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1591, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MICROENTERPRISE KITCHENS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 513-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1815, 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. 1815, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kapela 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. 1815, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kapela voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 514-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1937, 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. 1937, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 515-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2130, 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. 2130, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 516-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2137, 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. 2137, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 517-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2329, 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. 2329, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 518-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2335, 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. 2335, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 519-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2590, 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. 2590, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 520-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2617, 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. 2617, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 521-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2619, 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. 2619, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 522-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2705, 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. 2705, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 523-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2134, 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. 2134, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 524-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2754, 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. 2754, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 525-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1525, 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. 1525, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 526-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2771, 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. 2771, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 527-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2774, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2774, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 528-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2236, 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. 2236, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 529-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1782, 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. 1782, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 530-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2336, 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. 2336, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 531-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2449, 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. 2449, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

MANUFACTURED HEMP PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 532-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2139, 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. 2139, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 533-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2138, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2138, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2138, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 534-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1784, 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. 1784, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 535-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2719, 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. 2719, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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. 2719, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 536-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2720, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2720, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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. 2720, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 537-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2140, HD 1 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. 2140, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 538-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1802, 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. 1802, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 539-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1788, 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. 1788, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 540-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2176, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2176, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 541-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2517, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2517, HD 2 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2517, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was referred to the

Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 542-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1944, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1944, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 543-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2444, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2444, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2444, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 544-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1997, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1997, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1997, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERISLAND TRANSPORT OF HYDROGEN," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 545-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2392, 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. 2392, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 546-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2393, 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. 2393, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TITLE 24, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 547-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2686, 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. 2686, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 548-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2523, 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. 2523, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY LINEMAN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 549-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1843, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1843, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Belatti, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 550-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1836, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1836, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Gates, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 551-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1923, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 552-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2477, 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. 2477, 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 Tam rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Lowen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, 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."

Representative Kapela 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. 2477, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN RECREATION OPERATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Lowen, Matsumoto, and Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 553-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2146, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2146, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 554-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2700, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2700, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Lowen 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. 2700, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Lowen voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 555-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2657, 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. 2657, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 556-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2509, 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. 2509, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 557-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2451, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2451, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 558-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2159, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2159, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kapela 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. 2159, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kapela voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 559-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2429, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 560-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1781, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1781, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," was

referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 561-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1651, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1651, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 562-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2043, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2043, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 563-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2806, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2806, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOID LITIGATION PROCEEDS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 564-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2083, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2083, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 565-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2514, HD 1 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. 2514, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 566-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2020, 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. 2020, 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 Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 567-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1585, 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. 1585, 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. 1585, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLASTIC POLLUTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 568-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2297, 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. 2297, 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. 2297, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Hashem, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 569-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2084, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2084, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Marten, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 570-24) recommending that H.B. No. 408, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 408, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 571-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2544, 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. 2544, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 572-24) recommending that

H.B. No. 2744, 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. 2744, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 573-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2331, 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. 2331, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 574-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2476, 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. 2476, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote, brief comment. Mr. Speaker, I was told during the hearing that one of the boaters who is probably going to be hit by this, or recreational businesses, there is millions of dollars to be lost by this. My community is an ocean community, Hawai'i Kai. There's Kona and there's others. We are an island state. We have the ocean, and we should make good use of it. We don't want to take overly advantage of it, but we don't want to put these guys under our thumb and smash them out. So, if we have an economy that's struggling, which UH calls anemic, we don't want to squash these small businesses. And this bill, according to witnesses, shall do that. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. In congruency with the representative from Hawai'i Kai, one testifier mentioned that the economy could decrease by \$170 million if this bill were to pass and it could hurt the economy. Thank you."

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

Representative Lowen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, 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."

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

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

Representative Alcos 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. 2476, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Matsumoto, and Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 575-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2089, 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. 2089, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2089, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 576-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2690, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2690, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 577-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1831, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1831, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 1831, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 578-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2113, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2113, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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. 2113, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 579-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2613, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2613, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2613, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 580-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2579, HD 1 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. 2579, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HILO COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DISTRICT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 581-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1972, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1972, HD 1 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1972, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 582-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1830, HD 1 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. 1830, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 583-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2757, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2757, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would require the private sector to supply paid family leave for their employees. There's another bill that was introduced to this body that only requires the county and state employers to supply paid family leave for their employees. I'm in support of that bill, but I'm not in support of mandating the private sector to offer paid family leave for their employees."

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

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

"In strong support. Paid family leave is important to all workers across the state, not just state and county employees."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A brief comment with support. Okay, it's about time that we have paid family leave, but it should be on the part of the employee. An option, opt in or opt out. The point is this, whoever you are, you're in it. I don't know if the amortization tables don't allow that. But generally, America is a place of choice, and you choose to be in something, or you choose to be out of it. And I think, for starters, it would make this bill a little bit more robust if it was optional. Thank you."

Representative Alcos 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. 2757, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos and Kong voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 584-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2614, HD 1 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. 2614, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 585-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2394, 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. 2394, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 586-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2079, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2079, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. There are only two genders, biologically born males and biologically born females. This bill encourages and protects gender affirming care, which I don't believe is a good idea for our state."

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

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

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

"In strong support. As someone who has a biology degree who has actually studied gender and sex at an R-1 research university, I must correct

the factually inaccurate statements that have been made on this floor about there only being two genders.

"The science is very clear. Many studies, including a 2018 study by Horii *et al.*, published in Diagnostic Gynecologic and Obstetric Pathology (Third Edition), shows that many people with intersex parts have different XX and XY genotypes, concluding that chromosomes do not necessarily dictate what genitals you get.

"There are more than two genders found in nature, despite anyone's feelings about it. Transgender, intersex, and nonbinary humans not only exist, but they are a vibrant and appreciated addition to our society. Many indigenous cultures not only accept people who don't fit into the gender binary, but they honor them as sacred souls that transcend traditional gender roles.

"The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees people of all genders, not just two genders, equal treatment and due process under the law. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I contend that it is not only our right, but it is our duty to pass this legislation. Thank you."

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

"In opposition, thank you. I took a class of biology in 10th grade, and I learned then that there is an X chromosome and there is a Y chromosome. There are special circumstances, of course, throughout nature, but nonetheless, 99.9% of the time you got an X chromosome or a Y chromosome, it's basic science, even the animals know it.

"I do want to talk about this bill from this angle. This bill is not attacking transgender people. And my no vote against this is not an attack on transgender people. It's simply saying we're talking about minors here, Mr. Speaker. Minors, this is children. If you're an adult, this is a free country, you can live your life as you wish, dress as you wish, live as you wish. But this is children. This is child mutilation, to remove their gender parts at a young age.

"We don't even allow kids to purchase cigarettes until they're 21 years old, or alcohol, or join the service till they're 18. But yet for a gender transition reassignment surgery, hormone therapy, chemical castration, this is okay? I think most families here in Hawai'i, if they knew that all these people in here, Mr. Speaker, would vote yes on this, they would not be happy. No vote."

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote. And I know a study that proves the Earth is flat and that the Holocaust didn't happen."

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

Representative Quinlan 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."

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

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

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

Representative Pierick rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, in opposition again. It says in Genesis 2 that God made male and female. And male and female he created them. For us to be voting yes on this measure and to say that there's more than male and females, we're calling God a liar."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2079, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," was referred to the Committee on

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila, Lamosao, and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kong, Pierick, Quinlan, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 587-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2499, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2499, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 588-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2359, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2359, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 589-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2742, 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. 2742, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2742, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 590-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2801, 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. 2801, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED FINANCING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 591-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2415, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2415, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT," was referred to the Committee

on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 592-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2028, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2028, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABELING OF PRODUCTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 593-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2378, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2378, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HURRICANE RESERVE TRUST FUND," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 594-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2642, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2642, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2642, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 595-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2630, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2630, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Ward 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 Pierick 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. 2630, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 596-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2278, 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. 2278, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2278, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 597-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1629, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1629, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 598-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1691, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1691, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1691, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 599-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2264, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2264, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support, and with a comment that many people don't know that Hawai'i Kai's got a lot of farmers. Henry Kaiser said there should be a breadbasket in the back, of which we have in Kamilo Nui Valley. They have a lot of cesspools. This bill is very relevant to them. And do you know why I really like this bill? Because it's a pilot, Mr. Speaker. That should be more the theme of this body, so we don't do unintended consequences by locking things into the law, we just say, let's see if it works. This is a pilot program. I commend the author, and I think that should be for every deliberating body like this one, to do a pilot, see if it works rather than lock it in and have unintended consequences of which we never unlock things forever in too many cases. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, this is a very good bill. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to disclose that my home in Kapa'a is connected to a cesspool," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2264, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 600-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1892, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1892, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations and a brief comment. The concern regarding HB 1892, as it affects to lessees on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as they do not outright own their property. So, until the department can hopefully find a plan to help these homeowners, I'm with reservations."

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 an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

Representative Gates 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1892, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos, Gates, Kila, Matsumoto, and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 601-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2743, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2743, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

WASTEWATER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 602-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1941, 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. 1941, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 1941, House Draft 1.

"First, funding for the Hawai'i State Hospital is critical to ensure the security and safety for all those working at the hospital, the only publicly funded state psychiatric hospital serving patients from throughout Hawai'i. More information is still needed from the Department of Health about the exact number of staffing and administrative positions being requested, specifics about the security features, equipment, and upgrades that are being planned for the hospital campus, and the additional funds for treatment throughout the mental health continuum of care from crisis residential services, to treatment at the hospital, and programs within the community. My hope is that this information will be forthcoming in the promised governor's message.

"Second, in light of recent reports that lawmakers' hands will be tied by larger than expected budget requests related to recovery from the devastating Maui wildfires, this bill seeks to appropriate funding for these requests from the mental health and substance abuse special fund created through HRS Section 334-15 rather than utilizing general revenue funds.

"Based on past annual reports by the Department of Health, the Adult Mental Health Division has expended funds from this special fund for psychiatric services and other non-state employment services on a fee basis in the amounts of \$4,665,278.94 between July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and \$16,589,152.95 between July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Accordingly, it would be entirely consistent with past funding that monies from this fund be used, either in whole or in part, to fund the urgent requests from the department to address the immediate safety and security concerns at the Hospital."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1941, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 603-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1624, HD 1 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. 1624, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 604-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2641, HD 1 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. 2641, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 605-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2136, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2136, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 606-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2758, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2758, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick 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. 2758, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 607-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2067, 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. 2067, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Belatti, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 608-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2324, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2324, 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."

Representative M. Mizuno rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ruling on a potential conflict of interest. My husband is the statewide homeless coordinator," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2324, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Belatti, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 609-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2326, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2326, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative M. Mizuno rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ruling on a potential conflict of interest. My husband is the statewide homeless coordinator," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2326, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OHANA ZONES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Quinlan, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 610-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2416, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 611-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2007, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2007, HD 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Marten 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2007, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato and Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Lowen, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 612-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2358, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2358, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2358, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 613-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2629, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2629, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, request to insert written comments. And just one brief comment, I want to thank the chair of Housing for moving this bill along and making the amendments that he did in this bill to make it an even better bill. Thank you."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 2629, House Draft 2.

"As this body considers our collective budget priorities along with revenue generating measures to pay for critical infrastructure, programs, and services that government can provide, this bill seeks to address all of these areas through a targeted conveyance tax increase on the most expensive residential properties in our state. As stated in House Draft 2, the conveyance tax, a one-time tax at the time of real property sales, is an appropriate revenue source for assisting with the building of affordable housing, promoting affordable homeownership, and funding both land conservation and homeless services. Over time, this type of targeted funding will generate sustainable revenues for all of these important priorities."

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

"In opposition. My understanding is that this bill would raise taxes. Hawai'i has some of the highest taxes in the nation. My goal is to help decrease taxes. Thank you."

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

Representative Ward 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. 2629, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 614-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1807, 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. 1807, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1807, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 615-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1939, 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. 1939, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ARTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 616-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1940, 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. 1940, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 617-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2735, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2735, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition, Mr. Speaker. I learned something new and surprising in the testimony in the hearing. In our Tourism hearing, we had raised concerns that the state foundation does not focus on the host culture, our Hawaiian culture. The executive director responded, and I quote, I definitely admit that the state foundation was built to exclude. So, for those reasons, I'm in opposition."

[Note: The following is an exchange between Representative Holt and Karen Ewald, Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, during the hearing in the Committee on Tourism on February 1, 2024:

Representative Holt: "In the past, there have been some concern that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts kind of doesn't focus on the host culture, and so has there been any improvements made, is there any focus that you guys have specifically on the Hawaiian culture?"

Karen Ewald: "There have been, and I'd like to say, we've made drastic, mindful improvements in the last few years to turn that keel, because I will be, definitely admit that the state foundation was built to exclude, and by including Native Hawaiian host cultures, we did take mindful efforts to do that. We, just with the grants program, our folk and traditional, it's very robust with the support of Native Hawaiians, and other cultures for that matter. But we have increased our contracting and acquisition of works of art for Native Hawaiians by 78%. I'm not going to say that we're all there yet and we're good to go, I think that we still have a long way to go,

but it's been a real mindful effort on our part. And I'd love to talk further about that, too."]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I believe as the state and the Legislature tries to rearticulate how we're going to be selling ourselves to the world, we're still a tourism-based economy, we need to figure out how we're going to support the existing programs that have traditionally been supported by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

"I think for the vast majority of these programs, the appropriate housing agency is the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. In regards to their support of culture, they have responded, I think more than adequately, to include numerous shows, right across the street and throughout the state, that have a variety of voices from historically underrepresented groups, including from Native Hawaiian communities. For those reasons, in support."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, Mr. Speaker. The question is whether if we're in a horse race, do you want to have a Clydesdale versus a real racehorse stallion. Government does not know how to run things. The HTA knows how to run things. They were so successful we are, quote, shutting them down, shutting them, pulling them back.

"You want to give it to the state culture and the arts, which I have a PhD, they've got PhDs all over the place. Those are not the kind of people that we want to have in control of who we are and what our identity is. HTA has done a great job. Hawai'i visitors bureau has done a great job. As I said, they've done such a job, we're trying to cool their jets a bit. But to transfer away these things, of which they've done a good job at, and particularly now marketing the Hawaiian culture, *malama* Maui, *malama* Big Island, *et cetera, et cetera*.

"Why do we want to do that? Why do we want to shift the chairs of the Titanic just for the sake of, well, we're doing our job. We're reactionary. Mr. Speaker, let's take into context the cultural subculture of each of these institutions. HTA is entrepreneurial, it's economic, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, here's some of the artistic, this is the things that they do. Which they do well, but they're not into the tourism industry.

"A Clydesdale is a beautiful horse, but he can't run fast. A racehorse is what we'd need for these kinds of entities. Business people, people who think enough. And I know there's not very many business people on this floor, Mr. Speaker. That's probably why we always side with the bureaucrats rather than with the small businesses, rather than with the entrepreneurs of this great state. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, let's let the entrepreneurs go forward in the economic circles and let the Clydesdales and the bureaucrats stay back and mind the store as managers, not as leaders. Thank you."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I would like to point out to the members that the intent is not to take any grants that are related to tourism away from the tourism authority. Quite frankly, the concern is that under the current program, there are too many of these grants that are being awarded to wonderful organizations with great programs that I believe very strongly in

my heart that the state should fund. Unfortunately, the nexus to tourism is quite weak or non-existent. There has been a lot of talk on this floor over the last couple of years, mostly from one corner over there, about the need for HTA to help us power our economic engine. This bill is an attempt to refocus our tourism authority on our economic engine for the betterment of all of us. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Alcos 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. 2735, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos and Kong voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kila, Lamosao, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 618-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2246, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2246, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition, Mr. Speaker. And I'll just restate my comment that the director of the state foundation said that, I definitely admit the state foundation was built to exclude the host culture. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

Representative Gates 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. 2246, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kila, Lamosao, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 619-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2710, 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. 2710, 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 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. 2710, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representatives Nakashima and Tarnas, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 620-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2407, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2407, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 621-24) recommending that H.B. No. 407, as amended in HD 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Health & Homelessness.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 407, HD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Health & Homelessness, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, this is a short form bill, is there any discussion on this measure? The Chair would like to remind the members that pursuant to Section 387 in Mason's, a motion to recommit is subject to limited debate. So, debate is limited to the propriety of the recommitment of House Bill 407. This is a procedural discussion on whether procedurally the measure should be recommitted or not recommitted."

Representative Kobayashi rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I have a procedural issue. I am in opposition. Mr. Speaker, this bill is to be recommitted back to the same committee from which it came, Health & Homelessness. I believe that this is an inappropriate committee referral. Now that this bill has new content, which it did not have at all before, it is a new bill. And as a new bill, it should have a different committee referral than back to its original committee.

"This bill now designates a specific chapter in HRS having to do with professional vocational licensing, which was absent in the original short form bill. It mentions midwives, birth attendants, doulas, lactation specialists, an attorney general task force, an LRB study. And it says, among other things, 'a person may practice midwifery without a license to practice midwifery if the person is,' then followed by two pages. So, on this basis, clearly, clearly this bill is a new bill. And as a new bill, it deserves and necessitates a different committee referral other than just one committee. Thank you."

Representative Kitagawa rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm in opposition to this recommitment. I'm in opposition to the recommitment of this short form bill because it goes against the process. The short form bill's contents were shared with committee members and the public just two days ago, on Wednesday. And based on the proposed contents, as representative previously had stated, it should go to two or more committee referrals instead of the single referral that is currently on the short form bill.

"Yesterday was the lateral filing deadline, which means that this short form bill will have missed the deadline should it have the multiple committee referrals that it should have. My concern is that this goes against transparency and full disclosure, and opportunities for the community to weigh in on this issue. And for that reason, I'm in opposition of the recommitment."

Representative Matayoshi rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"In opposition. Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons that this short form bill was used, the justification was a letter from the attorney general to the chair of Higher Ed, dated January 17th, 2024, responding to an email sent on January 15th, 2024. This letter is not a formal opinion. A formal opinion by

the AG, under HRS 28-3, would be highly instructive, as per our Supreme Court. This is an informal advice letter which does not hold that kind of weight. And I don't think, in my opinion at least, that it raises issues that are of such an emergency nature that it requires such an extraordinary procedural measure to bring up.

"The reason I bring up the dates of the letter and the date of the email is because this was about a week before bills were due. And it seems like, from the letter contents at least, that this bill was not, or the concept was not being worked on during the eight months of interim. Perhaps it was, it just doesn't seem like it. But interim would have been the more appropriate place to work on this and to bring it up in the normal course of things, whereas right now it's being brought up as sort of an emergency measure as a short form bill, which I again just don't think is appropriate. If this is an emergency measure that needs to be introduced, I just don't see justification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support and request to insert written comments, including the AG's letter that was presented to members of this body, not just the requesting member of the Higher Education Committee.

"Some brief comments. Mr. Speaker, this is a procedural motion, and we are following the procedures of this body. The proposed draft was shared in the same way that for House Bill 408, which we just passed, with the committee at the time that we had the hearing for decision making.

"Secondly, Mr. Speaker, this is a proper procedure because, as you know, the re-referral process involves a re-referral process. The process now is to recommit to Health & Homelessness and then the bill will be considered for re-referral, as I explained in the hearing. I do not think anyone is suggesting that it should only stay with the Health Committee. So, I understand the concerns that folks are raising.

"But again, this is a procedural motion and for this purpose, we have followed the procedures, followed the scripts that were provided by the Chief Clerk's Office with the passage of a short form bill. And in fact, given the fact that we were given such late notice, it is precisely this kind of matter of this great importance where it should be re-referred in a way that it can be heard. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of House Bill 407, House Draft 1 and its recommitment to the Committee on Health & Homelessness consistent with this body's past policy, practice, and precedent in handling short form bills.

"First, in my 18 years as a member of this body, I cannot recall a time when a short form bill has received this type of treatment and opposition on a procedural motion. It is precisely because of this deviation from our chamber's long practice and precedent of having short form bills being recommitted to the committee from which it came, to be followed by an appropriate re-referral by the Speaker that allows for a future public hearing, that I support recommitment so that a future public hearing can be conducted consistent with the principles of transparency, full disclosure, and opportunity for the community to weigh in on the important issues raised by this measure.

"This opportunity for the community to weigh in and be heard, and the propriety of this body taking action to continue the legislative process is critical in light of the January 17, 2024, Attorney General's opinion that was provided to various lawmakers, members of the Health & Homelessness Committee, and has been submitted as part of these written remarks. This Attorney General's opinion raises very serious concerns about access to reproductive and maternal health care for mothers and their babies especially in rural communities, and overly broad regulations not just for licensed midwives but for doulas, lactation consultants, counselors, and other birth working professionals, as well as cultural or religious practitioners.

"Second, in response to concerns that the use of this short-form bill was to get around a bad referral, this is simply not true. Consistent with the January 10, 2024, House Majority Leader memo to all members in this chamber describing short form bills, the ideas generated in the House Draft

1 truly arose after the bill introduction deadline of January 24, 2024, from the numerous discussions amongst those individuals identified below.

"As I explained in the hearing before the House Committee on Health & Homelessness as we moved out this measure pursuant to House Rule 11.5(5), following the issuance of the Attorney General's opinion, there was much discussion about the implications and serious concerns raised by the opinion. These discussions included: (1) what was intended by Act 32, the original law enacted in 2019; (2) who the law was intended to apply to; (3) what could be done through the implementing agency and the rulemaking process; and (4) what could be done between now and the sunset of entire statute on June 30, 2025, to address the concerns raised in the 2024 opinion. These discussions further accelerated after the January 29, 2024, public meeting of the Midwives Committee where the proposed rules and rulemaking process for Act 32 were among the topics to be discussed.

"These discussions occurred among numerous legislators, including the House Majority Leader, a co-convenor of the Women's Legislative Caucus, the chair of the House Human Services Committee, the chair of the House Higher Education & Technology Committee, and other legislative members. These discussions also included deputy attorney generals, and staff of the relevant implementing agencies from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, and the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

"To reiterate, the House Draft 1 that is the subject of this motion for recommitment is the product of all of these discussions that occurred largely after the bill introduction deadline. Accordingly, it is entirely appropriate for this measure to be recommitted and re-referred so that a public hearing can be conducted. For the reasons stated herein, and because the opposition to this procedural motion deviates so enormously from the long practice and precedent of this chamber and effectively flies in the face of a commitment to transparency and public participation in the hearing process, I wholeheartedly support this motion."

Representative Belatti also submitted the following:



January 17, 2024

The Honorable Amy A. Perruso
 Representative, District 46
 The Thirty-Second State Legislature
 State Capitol, Room 444
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 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Perruso:

This responds to your email on January 15, 2024, to the Attorney General, who asked me to respond on her behalf. Your email included an attached letter asking several questions regarding midwives and Chapter 457J, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). We respond to those questions as follows, according to the questions posed in your letter.

1. Are Birth Attendants legally allowed to continue practicing past July 1, 2023?

No, birth attendants are not legally allowed to continue practicing past July 1, 2023. The laws governing midwifery start with the premise that no person shall engage in the practice of midwifery, except as provided in HRS Chapter 457J. See HRS § 457J-5. In other words, all practitioners of midwifery are regulated by HRS Chapter 457J.

HRS § 457J-6 then describes exemptions, one of which is for persons acting as birth attendants on or before July 1, 2023. Birth attendants are not midwives. Rather, they are a separate category of practitioners who were exempted by the legislature when HRS Chapter 457J was enacted in 2019. The legislature specifically stated that the enactment of Act 32:

also exempts a separate category of birth attendants for a three-year period, to allow this community to define themselves and develop common standards, accountability, measures, and disclosure requirements. By the end of the three-year period, the legislature intends to enact statutes that will incorporate all birth practitioners and allow them to practice to the fullest extent under the law. The legislature also notes that practicing midwifery according to this Act does not impede one's ability to incorporate or provide cultural practices.

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Act 32, 2019 Haw. Sess. Laws 83. Emphases added. The fact that Act 32 specifically references a three-year period indicates a finite period of time that closes at the end of the three years, July 1, 2023.¹

Reading HRS §§ 457J-5 and 457J-6 a(5) together, it is clear from the plain language that the latter provides an exemption for persons acting as a birth attendant only until July 1, 2023, subject to certain conditions.² After July 1, 2023, birth attendants are no longer exempted from the requirements of having a midwife license. The obligation to obtain a midwife license is based on HRS § 457J-5, which is still in effect.

In addition to the explicit language of Act 32’s provisions and Session Laws, the legislative history of Act 32 supports the interpretation of having all birth practitioners becoming licensed by a definite date in the near future.³ The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health stated that “all persons engaged in the practice of midwifery as required by this measure shall be licensed by January 1, 2024.” S. Journal, Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 659 (Haw. 2019). The Committee on Health reported that a Proposed Draft it received after public testimony added “provisions allowing for the continued practice of birth attendants who are not midwives through July 1, 2023.” H. Journal, Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 1700 (Haw. 2019). Emphasis added. Lastly, the Committee on Finance stated that this measure “[e]xempts a separate category of birth attendants until July 1, 2023, to allow time to define and develop common standards, accountability measures, and disclosure requirements for birth attendants.” H. Journal, Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 2213 (Haw. 2019). Emphasis added.

Clearly, the use of the terms “through” and “until” reflects a specific window of time, the closure of which ends on July 1, 2023. The three-year time period had the specific purpose of defining and developing common standards, accountability measures, and disclosure requirements for birth attendants. We are unaware of any wording in the statute or intent expressed in the legislative history to include a silent or implicit grandfather clause in HRS § 457J-6.

Given the express language of HRS Chapter 457J and the Session Laws and legislative history of Act 32, we conclude that the exemption for birth attendants as provided in HRS § 457J-6(a)(5) ended on July 1, 2023.

¹ Section 12 of Act 32, Haw. Sess. Laws 91, states that the Act “shall take effect upon its approval; provided that sections 6 and 7 shall take effect on July 1, 2019.” Thus, the three-year period referenced in HRS § 457J-6 ends on July 1, 2023.
² A basic tenet of statutory interpretation is that where the language of the law in question is plain and unambiguous, the duty of the court is only to give effect to the law according to its plain and obvious meaning. *In re Estate of Spencer*, 60 Haw. 497, 499 (1979).
³ Where the language of a statute is ambiguous or of doubtful meaning, the court may consider extrinsic aids to construction. *State v. Ogata*, 58 Haw. 514, 518 (1977). See also HRS § 1-15 (Construction of ambiguous context).

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2.c. HRS 457J exempts professionals who are “licensed and performing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person’s profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery” but does not exempt professionals like doulas, lactation consultants, or religious or cultural practitioners that do not currently have a licensing regime.

Partially correct. HRS § 457J-6 describes exemptions to the general license requirement of HRS § 457J-5. HRS § 457J-6(a)(1) exempts certified nurse-midwives licensed under Chapter 457. HRS § 457J-6(a)(2) exempts those “licensed and performing work within their profession” that overlaps with the practice of midwifery. Emphasis added. HRS § 457J-6(a)(3) exempts student midwives subject to certain conditions. And HRS § 457J-6(a)(4) exempts “a person rendering aid in an emergency where no fee for the service is contemplated, charged, or received.” Because they are unlicensed, birth professionals such as doulas or lactation consultants are not included in those exempted by HRS § 457J-6(a)(2) which specifies a licensed status.

Regarding religious and cultural practitioners, HRS § 457J-6(b) states that “[n]othing in this chapter shall prohibit healing practices by traditional Hawaiian healers engaged in traditional healing practices of prenatal, maternal, and child care as recognized by any council of kupuna convened by Papa Ola Lokahi. Nothing in this chapter shall limit, alter, or otherwise adversely impact the practice of traditional Native Hawaiian healing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.” This provision seems to allow traditional healing practices of prenatal, maternal, and child care so long as those practices are recognized by a council of kupuna convened by Papa Ola Lokahi.

While the provision also allows the practice of traditional Native Hawaiian healing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the specific Native Hawaiian healing practice protected by the State Constitution is not identified. In addition, Act 32, which created HRS Chapter 457J, states that “[t]he legislature also notes that practicing midwifery according to this Act does not impede one’s ability to incorporate or provide cultural practices.” Act 32, 2019 Haw. Sess. Laws, 83. Emphasis added. But while a licensed midwife can certainly include cultural practices, it is not clear what, if any, cultural practices are exempted from midwifery licensure.

3. Does HRS § 436B-27(b) apply to birth attendants, doulas, lactation consultants, counselors, cultural or religious practitioners, extended hanai, etc.?

Yes. Except for the parameters described for cultural practitioners in HRS § 457J-6(b), any person who engages in any of the activities included in the definition of midwifery for which a license is required and fails to obtain such license, or advertises or represents that the person is licensed to engage in midwifery, is subject to HRS § 436B-27 and its penalties.

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2. Are birth attendants and other birth working professionals (i.e. doulas, lactation consultants, counselors, cultural or religious practitioners, extended hanai, etc.) legally allowed to practice if their scope is not identical to the definition of midwifery but contains any combination of the activities in the definition?

HRS § 457J-2 defines midwifery to mean the provision of one or more of the following services:

- (1) Assessment, monitoring, and care during pregnancy, labor, childbirth, postpartum and interconception periods, and for newborns, including ordering and interpreting screenings and diagnostic tests, and carrying out appropriate emergency measures when necessary;
- (2) Supervising the conduct of labor and childbirth; and
- (3) Provision of advice and information regarding the progress of childbirth and care for newborns and infants.

Emphasis added. In other words, the provision of any one service, or one service in combination with another service included in the definition of midwifery, constitutes the practice of midwifery for which a license is required. The provision of services does not need to be exactly identical to or encompass all of the activities listed in the definition of midwifery to be considered the practice of midwifery. Unless exempted by HRS § 457J-6, the provision of any activity in the definition of midwifery requires a license.

2.a. The definition does not include details about payment. Would a hanai family member be considered to be practicing midwifery without a license if they “provided advice and information regarding the progress of childbirth and care for newborns and infants”?

HRS § 457J-6(c) states that “[n]othing in this chapter shall prohibit a person from administering care to a person’s spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, or child.” Because hanai family members are not included in this statute, hanai family members providing any of the activities described in the definition of midwifery would be considered practicing midwifery without a license regardless of whether money is exchanged.

2.b. HRS 457J exempts persons assisting their spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, or child but not grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or broader hanai family.

Correct. As explained in 3. above, HRS § 457J-6(c) specified only a limited group of individuals. Extended family members were not recognized as those permitted to assist in care.

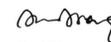
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HRS § 436B-27(b) states that “[a]ny person, who engages in an activity requiring a license issued by the licensing authority and who fails to obtain the required license, or who uses any word, title, or representation to induce the false belief that the person is licensed to engage in the activity, other than a licensee who inadvertently fails to maintain licensing requirements under the appropriate licensing statute and who subsequently corrects the failure so that there was no lapse in licensure, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and each day of unlicensed activity shall be deemed a separate offense.”

Lastly, your email included a Civil Beat article entitled “Midwifery Should Be Regulated For Safety Of Consumers And Community”. You asked if the author’s assertion is correct that “birth attendants can continue practicing past July 1, 2023 because birth attendant’s services are not considered midwifery.” Emphasis in original. As explained in 1. above, we opine that the author’s assertion is incorrect and that birth attendants are prohibited from practicing past July 1, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact information is shari.j.wong@hawaii.gov and (808) 586-1180.

Very truly yours,



Shari Wong
Deputy Attorney General

APPROVED:



Anne E. Lopez
Attorney General

Representative Marten rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"In opposition. I just wanted to say that we, as a committee member, we only got the text of that bill at the time that we had to vote. I have no problem with the contents of the bill, but my feeling is that the content of this bill, which was established in 2019, basically establishing licensure for midwives, has been very successful. Now there's 37 midwives that have been licensed since that time, including nine since we didn't make any changes to that law last year. And when it sunsets, to that end we have an auditor's report coming up in November. And midwives themselves who are subject to this licensure are working on redefining their scope of practice, expanding it to include other skills such as managing menopause. And this bill attempts to amend that bill without their input, without input from the auditor's report--"

Representative Belatti rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I believe this is supposed to be arguing about procedure and not the contents of the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The Chair addressed Representative Marten, stating:

"Representative Marten, please confine your remarks to the procedure."

Representative Marten: "So, I just mean the timing. I think it would be better managed next year. Thank you."

Representative Belatti rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. Second time. I would just again say, with respect to procedure, we have moved a number of short form bills. And again, as chair, I follow the directions and the script, and we provided the text to the members, all of the members, for both House Bill 407, House Bill 408, and previously last session for House Bill 406. So procedurally, I believe that it is proper that this be recommitted to the Health & Homelessness Committee and that then leadership to take up the re-referral process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Matayoshi rose to respond, stating:

"Still in opposition. Another reason I brought up the date of the attorney general's letter of January 17th, 2024, is that this was before session started. There was a bill going through that had a similar subject matter at least that could have been heard by the Health Committee in due course with the proper referrals and changed to this very form. But instead, that bill was not heard and the short form was used. To me this seems like, procedurally, a way to get around what was perhaps a bad referral to have this bill heard in this manner."

Representative Belatti rose, stating:

"I understand that this is my third time, Mr. Speaker, but--"

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"Representative Belatti, there is a limit on speeches."

Representative Kobayashi rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, Mr. Speaker. If consistency is a matter of concern at all at this point, let me point out that there is another bill before us which has the same language, word for word identical, as this bill. This bill is House Bill 2649. The bill starts off with what I had read before, 'a person may practice midwifery without a license to practice midwifery if the person is.'"

"These two bills have the same exact identical language for about two pages. This latter bill, HB 2649, had a three-committee referral. First, a joint committee referral to Health and Consumer Protection, and then, comma, a referral to Finance. This bill did not move beyond its first reading. Thank you."

At 12:54 p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Representative Belatti rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege. In some of the discussion by previous speakers, Mr. Speaker, is my intent is being impugned as being the lead who prevented the hearing on House Bill 2649. I will note that it is a decision by the joint committees of Health & Homelessness and CPC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"We will be taking a voice vote on this motion. All those in favor of the motion say aye. All opposed say no."

"The Chair's ruling is that the noes have prevailed. The motion is defeated."

The motion that the report of the Committee be adopted and that H.B. No. 407, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," be recommitted to the Committee on Health & Homelessness was put to vote by the Chair and, upon a voice vote, failed to carry, with Representatives Aiu, Garrett, Perruso, Pierick, Takayama, and Todd being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. No. 12) and concurrent resolution (H.C.R. No. 21) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 12, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE INGRESS AND EGRESS IN MILILANI MAUKA," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 21, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE INGRESS AND EGRESS IN MILILANI MAUKA," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Nakamura: "Tomorrow, Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, the Hawai'i Food Bank, and the University of Hawai'i Women's Basketball team will launch the 25th Annual State Employees' Food Drive. From 1999, state employees have contributed over \$3 million and 1.7 million pounds of food. Please join Lieutenant Governor tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. for the game or visit HawaiiFoodbank.com/state to learn more about more information and get involved. We look forward to working together as state employees to fight against hunger in Hawai'i."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:59 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon Tuesday, February 20, 2024. (Representatives Aiu, Cochran, Garrett, Perruso, Takayama, and Todd were excused.)