

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 9:16 a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Mark M. Nakashima, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 4) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 4, dated March 1, 2024, transmitting a proposed S.B. No. 582, SD 2, Relating to State Budget, and recommending immediate passage.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 28 through 46) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 28, transmitting H.B. No. 2520, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 29, transmitting S.B. No. 2070, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 30, transmitting S.B. No. 2112, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSTALLMENT LOANS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 31, transmitting S.B. No. 2119, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE PRESCRIPTIONS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 32, transmitting S.B. No. 2133, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 33, transmitting S.B. No. 2322, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER QUALITY," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 34, transmitting S.B. No. 2447, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 35, transmitting S.B. No. 2476, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 36, transmitting S.B. No. 2529, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 37, transmitting S.B. No. 2600, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 38, transmitting S.B. No. 2601, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 39, transmitting S.B. No. 2828, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 40, transmitting S.B. No. 2951, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 41, transmitting S.B. No. 2958, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 42, transmitting S.B. No. 3010, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 43, transmitting S.B. No. 3033, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 44, transmitting S.B. No. 3087, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 45, transmitting S.B. No. 3305, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 46, transmitting S.B. No. 3329, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 1, 2024.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the following Senate Bills passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Cochran, Hashem, Martinez, and Woodson were excused.)

S.B. No. 2070, SD 1
S.B. No. 2112
S.B. No. 2119
S.B. No. 2133
S.B. No. 2322, SD 1
S.B. No. 2447
S.B. No. 2476
S.B. No. 2529, SD 1
S.B. No. 2600
S.B. No. 2601
S.B. No. 2828
S.B. No. 2951, SD 1
S.B. No. 2958
S.B. No. 3010, SD 1
S.B. No. 3033
S.B. No. 3087, SD 1
S.B. No. 3305
S.B. No. 3329, SD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Quinlan introduced Art Hannemann, owner of Seven Brothers Burgers.

Representative Ward introduced former Representative Bob McDermott.

Representative Garcia introduced visitors from Fathers and Mothers for Children; and Cynthia Bartlett from Moms for Liberty.

Representative Pierick introduced Minister Diane.

Speaker Saiki introduced Henry Curtis and Kat Brady from Life of the Land.

At 9:23 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

CONSENT CALENDAR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there is no discussion as these are items agreed to by this body for placement on the consent calendar."

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 869-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1904, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1904, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 870-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2292, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2292, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 872-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1760, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1760, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 873-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1761, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1761, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 875-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1833, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1833, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND," passed Third Reading

by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 878-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2357, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2357, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 881-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2514, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 884-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1782, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1782, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 885-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2336, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 886-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1861, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 888-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2227, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2227, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 890-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2426, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2426, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 904-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2400, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2400, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 905-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2710, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2710, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 914-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1836, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1836, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 916-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2644, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2644, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 918-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2131, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2131, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 920-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2136, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 922-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2236, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 923-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2546, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2546, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 926-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2715, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2715, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 930-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2384, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2384, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 931-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2242, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 933-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1624, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1624, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 934-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1675, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 937-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1881, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 939-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2425, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2425, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY," passed

Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 940-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2482, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2482, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 943-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1912, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1912, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 947-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2457, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2457, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 948-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1556, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1556, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 949-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1827, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1827, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 953-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2374, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 954-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1638, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1638, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 957-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1902, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1902, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 958-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1949, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1949, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 959-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1839, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1839, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 960-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1841, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1841, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 961-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1843, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1843, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 966-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1934, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1934, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 967-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2015, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2015, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 969-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2446, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2446, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 971-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2175, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2175, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAAAWA-HAUULA COMMUNITY-BASED LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 972-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2270, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2270, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 975-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2490, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2490, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL ADVANCEMENT CONTRACTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 977-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2702, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2702, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 978-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1533, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1533, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATH BENEFITS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 979-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2430, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2430, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 980-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2217, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2217, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 981-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2662, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2662, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 982-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1769, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1769, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 983-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1776, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1776, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES TAX CREDIT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 984-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1964, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1964, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 985-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2216, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 986-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2224, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2224, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 988-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1655, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 989-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1657, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1657, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 990-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2577, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 991-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2578, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2578, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 992-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1969, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1969, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 993-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2043, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2043, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 995-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2620, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2620, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 997-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2483, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2483, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1000-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2005, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2005, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1002-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2046, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2046, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKEN MANAGEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1003-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2134, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2134, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1005-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1830, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1830, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1007-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2556, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2556, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1009-24) recommending that H.B. No. 408, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 408, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1010-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1831, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1831, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1015-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2415, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

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," passed Third Reading by a vote

of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1016-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2451, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2451, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1018-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1840, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1840, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1019-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1907, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1907, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STREAM MAINTENANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1027-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2367, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2367, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1029-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2614, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1032-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2685, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2685, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1034-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2767, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2767, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Aiu and Kila voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1049-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2563, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2563, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1051-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2492, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2492, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1052-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2491, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2491, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1053-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2493, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2493, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1057-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2775, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2775, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1058-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2253, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2253, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1064-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2684, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2684, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1066-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2341, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2341, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1067-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2382, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2382, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 2315, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2315, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2316, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2316, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2318, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2318, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2481, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2481, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIME SHARE COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1636, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1636, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1825, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1825, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE PRESCRIPTIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1566, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1566, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER HEALTH DATA," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1916, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1916, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2339, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2339, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 911 SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1879, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1879, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DIGITAL VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2351, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2351, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2370, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2370, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2522, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2522, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1869, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1869, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1766, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1766, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative La Chica's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support of this measure, which aims to curb the dissemination of deceptive deepfakes in the critical period leading up to primary and general elections. *Mahalo* to the chair of the Judiciary Committee and its members for your work on this bill.

"Deepfakes, which are any form of fabricated or manipulated media meant to misrepresent someone, pose a grave threat during election cycles, as they can be strategically timed to influence public sentiment. From fake endorsements to misleading speeches, these manipulated media pieces aim to exploit the vulnerability of voters who may unknowingly consume false information. This bill addresses these deceptive tactics that undermine the public's ability to make informed decisions, and passage of this bill into law

will help to serve as a deterrent against those who would undermine our election process."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1766, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1884, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1884, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2072, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2072, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2184, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2184, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2582, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2582, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2064, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2064, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2435, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2435, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2353, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2353, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SHARING GROUPS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2365, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2365, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2447, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2447, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1597, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1597, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1598, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1598, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1599, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1599, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1600, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1600, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1870, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1870, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST ELDERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1927, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1927, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2458, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2458, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1633, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1633, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1758, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1758, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2045, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2045, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC RENEWALS," passed Third Reading

by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1801:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1801, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1662, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1662, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CHILD TAX CREDIT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2239, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2239, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2372, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2372, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SOLAR ENERGY STORAGE LOAN PROGRAM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2376, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2376, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2377, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2377, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2399, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2399, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2404, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2404, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2454, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2454, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2489, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2655, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2779, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2779, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2780, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2780, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2484, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2484, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2238, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2238, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2388, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2388, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS MODERNIZATION ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Martinez, and Woodson being excused.

At 9:35 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 1904, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2292, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1760, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1761, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1833, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2357, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2514, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1782, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2336, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1861, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2227, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2426, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2400, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2710, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1836, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2644, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2131, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2136, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2236, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2546, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2715, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2384, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2242, HD 2

H.B. No. 1624, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1675, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1881, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2425, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2482, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1912, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2457, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1556, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1827, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2374, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1638, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1902, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1949, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1839, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1841, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1843, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1934, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2015, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2446, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2175, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2270, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2490, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2702, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1533, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2430, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2217, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2662, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1769, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1776, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1964, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2216, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2224, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1655, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1657, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2577, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2578, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1969, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2043, HD 3
 H.B. No. 2620, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2483, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2005, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2046, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2134, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1830, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2556, HD 2
 H.B. No. 408, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1831, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2415, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2451, HD 3
 H.B. No. 1840, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1907, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2367, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2614, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2685, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2767, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2563, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2492, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2491, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2493, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2775, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2253, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2684, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2341, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2382, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2315, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2316, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2318, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2481, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1636, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1825, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1566, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1916, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2339, HD 1

H.B. No. 1879, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2351, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2370, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2522, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1869, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1766, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1884, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2072, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2184, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2582, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2064, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2435, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2353, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2365, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2447, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1597, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1598, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1599, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1600, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1870, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1927, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2458, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1633, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1758, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2045, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1801
 H.B. No. 1662, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2239, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2372, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2376, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2377, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2399, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2404, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2454, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2489, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2655, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2779, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2780, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2484, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2238, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2388, HD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please remember to submit to the Clerk the list of House Bills on the consent calendar for which you will be inserting written comments in support or in opposition. This must be done by the adjournment of today's floor session."

At 9:35 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

ORDINARY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Before we begin debate, the Chair would like to remind members that while the House floor is an important venue for members to speak and debate, the House Rules, and particularly rule 62, require that remarks be confined to the content of the measures before us and that remarks be civil and respectful. As the Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure states, freedom of speech involves obedience to all the rules of debate. The language used by members during debate should be temperate, decorous, and respectful. So, accordingly, the Chair reserves the right to call attention to breeches of order and to strike remarks that violate the House Rules."

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 871-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1631, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

H.B. No. 1631, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 874-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1763, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1763, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 876-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2091, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2091, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 877-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2218, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2218, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's always good to start out an all-day debate in a positive way, because this is a good bill, I'm in strong support. And basically what it does is that it amends the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920 by increasing the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from 50% to 70%. Mr. Speaker, this is only fair and quite frankly, many loans are at 80%. So, in a way, it's in the right direction, but it probably should be higher. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill for getting housing for the DHHL waitlist. 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. 2218, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 879-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2358, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2358, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, Poepoe, and Tam voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 880-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2416, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2416, HD 1 pass Third Reading, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2416, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with

reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Amato, Kila, Lamosao, Marten, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 882-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2642, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2642, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill, from my understanding, would prolong a conversation where the renter and the homeowner potentially try to figure out a way for the renter to pay off his rent. When a landlord, a homeowner, has a mortgage, that mortgage needs to have a sometimes bi-monthly or monthly payment to come in, and if that is prolonged by the renter not being able to pay the homeowner, that can cause a problem for the homeowner. So, I'll be voting no."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. This was a very successful measure that was a result of the housing crisis that happened in about a decade throughout the United States. This is sort of just renewing that very important program. Eviction mediation is necessary to keep people out of far more costly forms of litigation."

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 883-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1812, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1812, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 887-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2736, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2736, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GESTURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 889-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2555, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2555, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 891-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2428, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2428, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46

ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 892-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2183, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2183, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 893-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2479, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2479, HD 2 pass Third Reading, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2479, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Poepoe voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 894-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2471, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2471, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 895-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1529, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1529, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza 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. 1529, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 896-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1554, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1554, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza 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. 1554, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 897-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1923, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 898-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1542, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1542, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Marten, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 899-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2029, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2029, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 900-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2148, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2148, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 901-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2067, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2067, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Condominium associations act as a self-governing body composed of elected directors who are entrusted with their duties by the owners. For decades, condominium owners have been able to fill out specific checkboxes on proxy forms to allow these entrusted individuals, as a whole body, to vote on their behalf. Removing the option for owners to give proxy votes to the board of directors as a whole is unreasonable and only creates a power imbalance within the board of directors and the association as a whole. This legislation imposes an unneeded restriction on a successful form of self-governance that has been functioning for decades. The Legislature should refrain from disrupting condominium associations' ability to serve their community, and for those reasons I vote with reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2067, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, La Chica, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 902-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2278, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2278, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Miyake 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. 2278, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Miyake voting aye with reservations, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 903-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1611, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1611, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Requiring law enforcement agencies and the Law Enforcement Standards Board to report allegations of misconduct and disciplinary actions taken against officers to the National Decertification Index poses serious issues. This bill requires allegations and disciplinary action to be made available to the NDI before due process is conducted in the form of a grievance procedure involving an independent arbitrator. Given the possibility that the independent arbitrator could find that an officer was wrongfully disciplined, the question becomes whether reporting allegations and disciplinary actions to the NDI prematurely serves a meaningful purpose. This bill undermines the current grievance process in place and is unfair to officers who are rightfully cleared of misconduct by an independent arbitrator. Reporting misconduct and disciplinary data prematurely to the NDI before the grievance procedure finishes serves no purpose, and for this reason I vote with reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1611, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 906-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1897, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1897, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Miyake 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. 1897, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Lamosao and Miyake voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia,

Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

At 10:05 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 1631, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1763, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2091, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2218, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2358, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2416, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2642, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1812, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2736, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2555, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2428, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2183, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2479, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2471, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1529, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1554, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1923, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1542, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2029, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2148, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2067, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2278, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1611, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1897, HD 2

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 907-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2390, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2390, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 908-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2020, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2020, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 909-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1896, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1896, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 910-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1936, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1936, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

HARBOR SAFETY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Marten and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 911-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2112, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2112, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. My understanding is that there's two unions who testified in support of this bill, but there's 16 groups who testified in opposition. I'll be voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2112, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPED INSURANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Hussey-Burdick, La Chica, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 912-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2475, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 913-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2089, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2089, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Kapela, Kong, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 915-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1989, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1989, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Mr. Speaker, Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. And on his farm, he had a milk cow, E-I-E-I-O. Milk, milk here, a milk, milk there, here a milk, there a milk, everywhere a milk, milk, Old MacDonald had a farm, and his milk wasn't pasteurized either, Mr. Speaker.

"People wonder why I keep pushing this bill, and it is for one family who lives in my district who has four cows. Unless you happen to be 40 miles out of Hilo and 13 miles up a single road, you are never going to find this

dairy. So, let me alleviate many of the fears that this is going to be a widespread enterprise. I am looking at a single family selling to their neighbors. And I don't know how many other farms there may be out there, but I'm sure that none of them are near you. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. And to commend the musician who just sang his support, I wish that I would be on tune in the Journal as if it was my own song. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong opposition. When I joined the Legislature, one of the rules I believe is the role of a legislator is to do no harm and to protect the health of the residents of Hawai'i. Over my tenure, we have discussed, debated, amended, passed, and killed bills that impact the health and safety of the residents of Hawai'i.

"We have addressed alcohol consumption, smoking, vaping, dangerous drugs that have a negative impact on the health and safety of the residents of Hawai'i. We have addressed the use of defibrillators, allergy medications, requiring immunizations, and overdose-reversing drugs to protect the health and safety of the residents of Hawai'i. HB 1989, HD 2, which allows the sale of raw milk to the public, is legislation that goes against the protection of the health and safety of the residents of Hawai'i.

"In the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee on this bill, we received testimony in opposition from the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture. Both departments we count on to help ensure the quality and safety of the foods that are made available to the residents of Hawai'i. We also received testimony in opposition from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, the foremost private nonprofit organization in Hawai'i that is the strongest advocates for the continued support and development of agriculture and agricultural products for our residents in Hawai'i. Their message in opposition was that raw milk is unsafe.

"Mr. Speaker, when I checked the Center for Disease Control's website regarding raw milk on their web page, Food Safety, under the subheading, Foods That Can Cause Food Poisoning, raw milk is listed as one of those foods. On the Raw Milk page it says, and I quote, 'Unfortunately, some people are choosing to drink raw milk. Raw milk—and products made from it—can make you and your loved ones sick. Raw milk has not undergone a process called pasteurization that kills disease-causing germs. Pasteurized milk is a safe and healthy food. When milk pasteurization began in the early 1900s, deaths and diarrheal illnesses in young children declined dramatically.'

"If you go to the Fast Facts: Why is Raw Milk Unsafe? page, it says, 'raw milk is one of the riskiest foods...Most of the nutritional benefits of drinking raw milk are available from pasteurized milk without the risk of disease that comes with drinking raw milk...Anyone, even healthy adults, can get sick from drinking raw milk, but...the people most at risk for severe illness are adults 65 years and older, children younger than 5 years, and people with weakened immune systems.' Does that warning sound familiar?

"Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website regarding raw milk says on their Food Safety and Raw Milk webpage, 'while the perceived nutritional and health benefits of raw milk consumption have not been scientifically substantiated, the health risks are clear. ... While raw milk puts all consumers at risk, the elderly, immune-compromised people, children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to the hazards of raw milk consumption. FDA's consumer education will continue to focus on helping consumers understand the risk to these populations. The FDA's position on raw milk is in concert with the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatricians.'"

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

Representative Onishi continued, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, the American Academy of Pediatrics on their Raw Milk: What You Need to Know website, has a similar warning. 'Anyone can get sick from drinking raw milk or products made from raw milk. Raw milk may be contained in cream, cheeses, yogurt, ice cream, frozen yogurt, or pudding. Children, pregnant women, people with weakened immune

systems, or older adults are more likely to get sick. Although most healthy people get well, the symptoms can become chronic (long-term) or severe or may result in death.'

"With that, Mr. Speaker, I cannot support this bill and vote no."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. When I was raised on the Big Island on Parker Ranch, the only milk that we had access to was raw milk. I enjoyed it. I loved it. I don't think I would drink it today. However, I believe that maybe I obtained a lot of immunities from drinking it. But when you're poor, sometimes this is something that you must drink. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. So, this is not something that was really on my radar at the beginning of legislative session. But recently I had the opportunity, during the recess, to go and visit a farm in my district. And this specifically is one of the bills that would really impact this farm. This is something that would allow these farmers to be able to sell to their neighbors. Something that they're already trying to do or want to do, but unfortunately can't because of a law.

"So, I think the reality is that this bill doesn't force anyone to drink raw milk. If you don't want to drink raw milk, good for you, there's a litany of stories all across the state where you can buy pasteurized milk. But if you do want to buy raw milk, you should be able to have that opportunity. Because I think that not only does it benefit the farmers, but it also benefits the individuals who should have a choice in the milk that they buy, or the products that they want to buy, or the farms that they want to support. For those reasons, I'm in support of this 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. 1989, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAW MILK," passed Third Reading by a vote of 39 ayes to 10 noes, with Representatives Chun and Lamosao voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Amato, Garrett, Kitagawa, Kong, Marten, Matayoshi, Onishi, Perruso, and Tam voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 917-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2140, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2140, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 919-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2133, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2133, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 921-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2146, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 924-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1780, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1780, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORLD PEACE DAY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Kila voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 925-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1939, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 927-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1807, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1807, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, La Chica, Perruso, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 928-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1940, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1940, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill exempts construction of roads, waterworks, bridges, airfields, walls, canals, surface parking, utilities, piers, landscaping, athletic fields, and play courts from the 1% transfer into the works of special art. That's a good thing. I'm glad that we are making a motion to decrease the amount of taxpayer dollars that go towards art. However, this bill still has appropriation to art. And for that reason, I vote no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1940, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 929-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1957, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1957, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Strong support for this small business tax credit. It'll help the pharmacists, researchers, and other small businesses. And request insert into the Journal with comments. Thank you."

Representative Ward's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in strong support of HB 1957 as this bill assists small businesses and promotes the economic diversification of Hawai'i. By raising the maximum amount of tax credits for research activities, this bill facilitates innovation and growth in a sector important to the development and wellbeing of the state and allows for local studies to be conducted on sea level rise, invasive species, disaster management, and other topics crucial to the welfare of Hawai'i. The research and development industry in Hawai'i

deserves the Legislature's support as it employs thousands of citizens and provides wages well above the state average. Additionally, not only does this bill support businesses currently in operation, but it will attract new organizations through the increased access to tax credits and the extension of the sunset date. In 2022, twenty-six companies applied for the research tax credit, however, only nine were able to benefit from the program due to the low cap. Raising the cap will benefit small, local businesses and provide them with better opportunities to become profitable. This state needs to protect and propel its economy to assist recovery efforts and lower the cost of living and this bill is a step in the right direction."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1957, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 932-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1779, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1779, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Aiu 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."

Representative Lamosao 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. 1779, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Lamosao voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Kila, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 935-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2159, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2159, HD 2 pass Third Reading, 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."

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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 936-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1845, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1845, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"In opposition to 936. This bill would appropriate tax dollars funds to go towards public financing of elections. So that means the people of Hawai'i, they would have money taken out of their paycheck and become taxes, and that would fund Democrats and Republicans running for office. So, that would mean the taxpayer money of a Republican would finance the Democrat's election and vice versa. I'm voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1845, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Aiu and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 938-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1968, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1968, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 941-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1917, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1917, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 942-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1608, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1608, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, may I request a ruling on a possible conflict? My daughter works as an associate public defender."

The Chair addressed Representative Takayama, stating:

"The Chair's ruling is that there is no conflict. Your daughter is already an existing employee of the Public Defender's Office. And this ruling applies 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. 1608, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 944-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2231, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2231, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would basically require a certain amount of women to be hired into the law enforcement. That's affirmative action. I don't believe we should be supporting that. People should be hired based on the merits of their character, not necessarily based on the merits of their

ethnicity, gender, or other things like that. If we're looking for certain qualities in a candidate for law enforcement office, let's say compassionate, caring, using less excessive force, then we should describe those as things we're looking for in hiring people into law enforcement and not just say, we need more females in law enforcement."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. This bill has support from law enforcement across the state and all counties. Unlike what the previous speaker just mentioned, it is has nothing to do with, what did he say, character, affirmative action. Also, it's not mandated. This is a goal. Law enforcement is one of the last sectors of public employment that hasn't been integrated regarding gender. We now know from data from across the United States that women make excellent officers. So, if you're watching and if you're a woman and you think you qualify for law enforcement here in the state, please apply. There's about 400 positions open statewide. Women tend to de-escalate better and make excellent employees. So, for those reasons, in support."

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

"Thank you, in support. I think one of the strengths of law enforcement here in Hawai'i is that it's relatively representative of our population, especially when compared to many other states where there's a huge divide between urban and rural communities where, very often, law enforcement officers come from rural communities and end up policing, very often, in more urban communities where there's a disconnect.

"So, I think this would just kind of lean further into that strength of Hawai'i's law enforcement agencies where it could be even more representative of our population, which is very important. There's been a ton of studies on things like implicit bias. And the more representative we can make that law enforcement community; the better our outcomes could be. Thank you."

Representative Aiu 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. 2231, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Aiu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kila, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 945-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2340, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2340, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Request for a ruling on a potential conflict. The measure in this, HB 2340, I'm employed by a law firm that has a claim in this for which I have done no work on this claim, wo work on this case."

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"The Chair's ruling is that there is no conflict on this measure, it applies to a class of claims. The ruling remains in effect through *sine die* unless circumstances change."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2340, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

At 10:26 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 2390, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2020, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1896, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1936, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2112, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2475, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2089, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1989, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2140, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2133, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2146, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1780, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1939, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1807, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1940, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1957, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1779, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2159, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1845, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1968, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1917, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1608, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2231, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2340, HD 2

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 946-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2443, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2443, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 950-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1946, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1946, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCESS IMPROVEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Lamosao, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 951-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2463, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2463, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 952-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2373, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2373, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 955-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1686, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1686, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Kila, Lamosao, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 956-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1844, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1844, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise painfully with reservations. Why am I saying am I rising painfully? Because it's part of what the jobs in the business group did when you put everybody into a working group. I was on that group, I was proud to be in that group. But, Mr. Speaker, what we've delivered in this bill falls really short. I use the analogy of, and this is true, the Maui business community is really drowning. They are suffering, they are painful, they are really in need of a lot of help.

"As you see a drowning swimmer, instead of throwing a life preserver, we throw them swimming lessons, Mr. Speaker. This bill gives them an adjunct professor at the university, one person. In all the needs that we heard when we went to Maui, I don't see how we can justify this. The point is, it kind of damns with faint praise. I mean, it's good that we're doing that, but let's remember, CNHA has been doing a, quote, carpenter academy, construction academy, for months already, so they're already in there doing that. So, if we're going to help jobs and business and we come up with a professor, is that the best we can do? I don't think so, Mr. Speaker. So, yeah, it's okay, but it's painful to see that the business community is crying out and we give them a professor. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I am painfully with reservations. Thank you."

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

"Un-painfully rising in support. Thank you. As the co-chair of your interim working group on jobs and business for the Maui recovery, a position I jointly held with the good representative from Chinatown, I'd like to remind this body that our group came up with several recommendations, not just this one. Although this bill may be the only legislative action we proposed, our report included several other recommendations for the three areas we looked at, the initial unemployment situation and performance of the state's unemployment insurance system, the impacts of tourism, and the impacts to businesses.

"I'd like to remind the representative from Hawai'i Kai that shortly after the wildfires, the administration proposed the business assistance fund of \$25 million, and that our report included many recommendations that were suggested by businesses in Lahaina when our working group visited them in person for a listening session.

"Most of our working group's recommendations were aimed at the county, including our suggestions that they provide support for a federal resource navigator, and that they improve their communications by sharing more concrete timelines for when businesses that were not impacted by the wildfires may be able to reopen. We also encouraged banks and lenders to consider a forbearance on mortgages held by the impacted businesses that lost everything in the wildfires.

"We know that it's going to take time for Lahaina to rebuild, likely several years. But the one thing that became abundantly clear to the working group is that the county does not currently have the skilled labor necessary to undertake that reconstruction. Providing the additional faculty to UH Maui College, which already has several high performing construction trades programs in place, would allow them to scale up their programs and expand Maui's construction workforce.

"Sure, construction is not for everyone, but this bill creates an additional pathway for people who are interested in a new career and may be interested

in helping to rebuild their beloved hometown with their own hands. Without growing their own, Maui would have to rely on importing construction workers from other communities across the state, as well as from the continent. And with such a housing crunch on the Valley Isle, the last thing we want to do is exacerbate the situation by forcing Maui to import labor and have them compete for very limited housing. For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this bill. 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. 1844, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 962-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1925, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1925, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 963-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2107, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2107, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 964-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2263, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2263, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloa, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 965-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1932, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1932, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support with reservations, brief comments. Mr. Speaker, this is a seemingly innocuous bill, but the language that concerns me is the ability being provided to the Department of Transportation to own, hold, improve, and rehabilitate any real, personal, or mixed property and sell, the key word here is to be able to sell lands that they have acquired. And that's concerning to me because of the extent with which Department of Transportation has land holdings across the state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1932, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Belatti voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with

Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 968-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2065, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2065, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCESSIVE NOISE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Kila voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 970-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1997, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1997, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. I'd like to thank the intent behind this bill. However, some people have testified in committee that this bill could increase the cost of electricity and therefore increase the cost of living in Hawai'i. So, I'll be voting no."

Representative Hussey-Burdick 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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 41 ayes to 5 noes, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela, Marten, Perruso, Pierick, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 973-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2673, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2673, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROADS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 974-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2380, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2380, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would appropriate funds to the Mass Transit Special Fund. In other words, this would use taxpayer money on the rail. Not a lot of people in Hawai'i use the rail. My district has about four different rail stations. So, definitely my district would, to some extent, disproportionately be benefited by the rail. However, not even in my district a lot of people use the rail. I think we should use the funds already allocated for the rail to continue with that, and we shouldn't be using more tax dollars on the rail. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, in support. I just wanted to note that this is not an additional appropriation, because the money is already in the Mass Transit Special Fund. But due to budgetary restraints, namely the ceiling, they just need to kind of reallocate money that is already there because they can't legally spend it at the moment, mostly just due to some red tape. So, this is a

government efficiency piece of legislation and would just allow some processes to be streamlined, whereas it's currently being held up by our own kind of inaction in the past. Thanks."

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

"In support. I'd like to adopt the words of the Transportation chair as if they were my own. Brief comment, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank not only the Transportation chair, but the federal government and HART for communicating appropriately and for allocating a significant amount of money to the development of this project that many in my community and others have been waiting for for quite a long time," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2380, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 976-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2650, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2650, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 987-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1654, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1654, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 994-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2074, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2074, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 996-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2759, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2759, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahaloe, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 998-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2420, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2420, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of 998. This is the bill that we watch very closely. I had the honor of being on the watchdog committee for the \$600 million for the DHHL, the boon that we provided so they can get, and this is what Kali Watson, the director of DHHL, said. With that money, there's going to be 5,000 people taken off of the waitlist, Mr. Speaker. With that they've also committed even beyond the \$600 million. So, they're really going aggressively. So, this is a good bill that says whatever portion is not spent and lapses, we extend that so the \$600 million will stay safe within DHHL. It's a good bill. It shows when you give them the resources, DHHL can do the job. 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. 2420, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahalao, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 999-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1960, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLANNING ORGANIZATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahalao, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1001-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2356, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2356, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Gates, Kahalao, Matayoshi, and Woodson being excused.

At 10:39 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

- H.B. No. 2443, HD 2
- H.B. No. 1946, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2463, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2373, HD 1
- H.B. No. 1686, HD 1
- H.B. No. 1844, HD 1
- H.B. No. 1925, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2107, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2263, HD 2
- H.B. No. 1932, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2065, HD 2
- H.B. No. 1997, HD 1
- H.B. No. 2673, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2380, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2650, HD 2
- H.B. No. 1654, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2074, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2759, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2420, HD 2
- H.B. No. 1960, HD 2
- H.B. No. 2356, HD 2

At 10:39 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:52 a.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

LATE INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Garrett introduced students from Mr. Ethan Porter's 10th grade MPX class at Mid-Pacific Institute.

Representative Kahalao introduced Hawai'i County Council Member Sue Lee Loy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1004-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1591, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1591, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MICROENTERPRISE KITCHENS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Kong and Marten voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1006-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2544, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1008-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2744, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2744, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. I'd like to thank the author, the honorable representative from District 15, for introducing this measure. And I would also like to thank the members of our dental professionals for their commitment to our oral health. And thank you, members, for joining me in supporting our dental community as they provide health for all of us. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2744, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1011-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1834, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1834, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. I'd like to thank the introducer of this bill and the heart behind helping those in the homeless community. I don't believe the answer to addressing homelessness is creating a government department, having a government department, funding that government department with taxpayer money to address the homeless issue. I think the solution is less government.

"So, if we have an individual in Hawai'i, they have an income, if that income grows, then they can afford to pay for a rent or pay for a mortgage. What limits that is high taxes. Hawai'i has some of the highest taxes in the nation. If the business has high corporate tax that limits the employer paying the employee, if we have lots of red tape restricting the construction of housing, that makes it more expensive to build a house and then to rent it out or sell it.

"So, these are all things that make the cost of living high in Hawai'i and which sometimes lead people to become homeless. So, I don't believe the answer to the homelessness issue is taxing the people of Hawai'i, creating a

program to service the homeless. The answer is decreasing the government. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Mr. Speaker, as we head into difficult budget negotiations, I wanted to place a spotlight on this bill, as it is a majority package bill to ensure that the safety net of our community is in place. This bill is considering an appropriation that would fund necessary and critical homeless service outreach programs, care coordination, and transition supports. This particular budget item has not received an increase for over a decade.

"When we call and we ask for assistance in our community to deal with encampments under bridges, in parks, it's these programs where we work and partner with community outreach providers to do the necessary work to address homelessness. This is but one part of the piece and the strategy for addressing and tackling homelessness by this majority. And so, in strong support, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1834, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1012-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1941, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1941, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support."

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1013-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2042, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2042, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1014-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2084, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2084, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1017-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1545, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1545, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING," passed Third Reading by a

vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1020-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2690, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2690, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1021-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2361, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2361, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1022-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2805, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2805, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1023-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2700, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2700, HD 3 pass Third Reading, 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 Hussey-Burdick 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 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1024-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1829, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1829, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Kong and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1025-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1972, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, 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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1026-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2366, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2366, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1028-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2517, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2517, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1030-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1688, HD 2 pass Third Reading, 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. 1688, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1031-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2103, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2103, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG DURATION CLEAN ENERGY STORAGE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1033-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2738, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2738, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1035-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2406, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2406, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

At 11:01 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 1591, HD 1

H.B. No. 2544, HD 1
H.B. No. 2744, HD 2
H.B. No. 1834, HD 1
H.B. No. 1941, HD 1
H.B. No. 2042, HD 1
H.B. No. 2084, HD 1
H.B. No. 1545, HD 2
H.B. No. 2690, HD 2
H.B. No. 2361, HD 1
H.B. No. 2805, HD 1
H.B. No. 2700, HD 3
H.B. No. 1829, HD 1
H.B. No. 1972, HD 1
H.B. No. 2366, HD 1
H.B. No. 2517, HD 2
H.B. No. 1688, HD 2
H.B. No. 2103, HD 2
H.B. No. 2738, HD 2
H.B. No. 2406, HD 2

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1036-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1892, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1892, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"I'm opposed, no vote. In my district, to transfer, to upgrade to the cesspool and tie in, to see that my *kūpunas*, our families, have to spend \$20,000 to \$50,000 to convert. I can see if the state comes in or government comes in and we can get some kind of special funds in helping our constituents out. But I cannot see how to pass this bill and put this problem all on them 100% when already it's hard for them to make a living. So, no vote."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, brief comment. I just want to make sure that everybody knows that when we initially started the discussion about cesspool conversion and upgrades, it was really expensive to upgrade to sewer, a sewer connection does cost \$20,000 to \$50,000. However, there are a wide range of alternative toilet technologies, which can cost only about \$1,000 per unit, per toilet. So, there are a lot of low-cost resources and funding available from the state to upgrade so that it doesn't cost \$20,000 to \$50,000. 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. 1892, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Aiu and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Kila, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1037-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2264, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with

Representatives Aiu, Kila, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1038-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2743, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2743, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1039-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1988, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1988, HD 1 pass Third Reading, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1988, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY HOUSING POWERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1040-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2328, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2328, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2328, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Garcia, Perruso, Pierick, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1041-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2364, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2364, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would increase conveyance tax on the people of Hawai'i. My understanding is that Hawai'i has some of the highest taxes in the nation. I recommend we decrease taxes and not increase it."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2364, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1042-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2548, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2548, HD 3 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I stand in strong support because I love ADUs. Accessory dwelling units, Mr. Speaker, is key to the housing crisis. The infrastructure is already there. The property is already owned. It doesn't take anything other than what this bill does, is provide a loan. So, I want to thank the chair of Housing for this creative, innovative bill. And I want to thank the chair of Finance for blanking out the interest rates, because we don't want to have it at market rates, so everybody can afford to do this, particularly for the people in Maui and other places. And I know people on the neighbor islands have a lot of land, and this is going to be a boon for them also and especially for them. Thank you."

Representative Hussey-Burdick 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. 2548, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1043-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2787, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2787, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1044-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2083, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2083, HD 3 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I'd like to thank the introducer of this bill, as well as all of the students from Mililani High School who have come out and testified on this bill, the importance of having local agriculture in our schools. I think this is something that we really need to focus on, especially when we're trying to support our small farmers and actually all of the farmers across our state. The one thing that I ask as we go forward, I know this bill is focused on only plant based, but as somebody who comes from a farming family, I know how important it is to support our poultry farmers, our cattle ranchers, and all others that are not just our plant-based farmers in Hawai'i. But in strong support and permission to insert additional written comments. Thank you."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Encouraging schools to achieve the local farm-to-school meal objective of sourcing 30% of their food from local food producers is a great idea for promoting and supporting our state's agriculture industry. In a time where Hawai'i's food supply remains dependent on the importation of food, I believe that this legislation helps our state take a step in the right direction towards an independent and resilient food supply. For these reasons, I support this measure."

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

"In support. I wouldn't think I would be speaking on plant-based meal options, Mr. Speaker, but I do support plant-based meal options. I think, looking at my community and my district and talking to some of the students in my schools, the issue of lifestyle diseases is quite prevalent in our Native Hawaiian community. And my community have lots of Hawaiian homesteads, and there are high rates of hypertension, type 2 diabetes, cholesterol, atherosclerosis, all types of lifestyle diseases. And if we can encourage a more healthier lifestyle within our schools, this will benefit my community. So, in support. 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. 2083, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Aiu and Kila voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1045-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2705, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Lamosao, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1046-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2139, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

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 Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1047-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2081, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2081, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1048-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2246, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2246, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 41 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kahaloa, Kila, Lamosao, Poepoe, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1050-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2012, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2012, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would require, basically, merchants to have charging stations in their parking lots. So, if a person drives into the merchant's parking lot, they can charge their vehicle and then drive on their way. There's no mention in this bill that requires the person charging the

vehicle to go into the store and buy something to compensate the cost of electricity that the merchant would have to pay to charge the vehicle.

"Let me give you an example. This past January, I went to San Francisco, and I went with my friend to various places in that area. And he would go from store to store charging his vehicle. Okay, the owners of those stores have to pay for the electricity. That's not going to help the merchants. And this bill won't help the merchants of Hawai'i. I'm voting no."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. If you take the time to read the bill, that's not what it does. There's already an existing state law that requires EV charging stations, I think per the number of stalls, one per 100 stalls. And there's no provision that that can't be charged for, in some of these stations, the merchants can opt to charge for it, they're not required to give free electricity.

"What this bill does is just say that, per that requirement that already exists, and has for, I think, more than a decade, that those stalls have to be built in the location where that requirement was incurred. Because right now the law allows for, say, a new Target to be built in Kona, but all the EV stalls can be put in over on Hilo side. So, we're just saying it has to be at that location. And then it also allows the counties, if they choose, to have the authority to require additional stalls under county law. So, that just gives them home rule. And that is what this bill does. Thanks."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2012, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1054-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1856, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1856, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1055-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2526, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2526, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1056-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2748, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2748, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 38 ayes to 11 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Holt, Kila, Kong, Lamosao, Matsumoto, Miyake, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1059-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2553, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2553, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Garcia offered Floor Amendment No. 1, amending H.B. No. 2553, HD 2 as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, is amended by deleting the existing section 4 and replacing it with the following:

"SECTION 4. Section 461-11.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) through (d) to read as follows:

"(a) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist may administer[:

- (1) A vaccine to persons between fourteen and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid prescription; and
- (2) A human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age pursuant to a valid prescription.

The pharmacist] a vaccine to a person between three and seventeen years of age; provided that:

- (1) The vaccine is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;
- (2) The vaccine has been ordered by a pharmacist and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices;
- (3) The pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician has completed a practical training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency responses to vaccines;
- (4) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician has a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (5) The pharmacist has completed a minimum of two credit hours in immunization-related continuing education courses during each licensing biennium;
- (6) The pharmacist is in compliance with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including complying with adverse events reporting requirements;
- (7) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician has reviewed the patient's vaccination records prior to administering the vaccine;
- (8) The pharmacist has informed the patient and the patient's parent or caregiver of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and has referred the patient as appropriate;
- (9) The pharmacist has provided the vaccine information statement to and obtained consent from patient's parent or caregiver prior to administering the vaccine; and
- (10) Where a prescription has been ordered by a person other than the pharmacist, the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician shall verify that the prescriber or the prescriber's authorized agent is the patient's medical home.

(b) After the vaccination is administered, the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist shall immediately provide to the patient or patient's parent or caregiver a vaccination record including the following information:

- (1) The patient's name and date of birth;
- (2) The type of vaccine administered; and
- (3) The date and location that the vaccine was administered.

(c) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist shall make a good faith effort to provide within seventy-two hours to the medical home and within five business days to the department of health immunization registry the same information provided to the patient pursuant to subsection (b) as well as the following:

- (1) The name of the vaccine product that was administered, including the manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date;
- (2) The method of administration; and

(3) The anatomical site of administration.

(d) ~~[AH] In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), all pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who administer vaccines to persons between the ages of [fourteen] three and seventeen years [or administer human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, and influenza vaccines to persons between the ages of eleven and seventeen years] shall complete a training program approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education for which a certificate of completion is issued. The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician shall complete the training program and submit the completion certificate to the board prior to administering any vaccine to persons between the ages of [fourteen] three and seventeen years [and prior to administering any human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between the ages of eleven and seventeen years]."~~

Representative Garcia moved that Floor Amendment No. 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Ward.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you and the members can turn your attention to the floor amendment before you. Number one, the only thing that I am requesting to amend within House Bill No. 2553 is parental consent, is adding in parental consent. So, the only thing we're adding in here is on page three, number nine, that says, 'the pharmacist has provided the vaccine information statement to and obtained consent from patient's parent or caregiver prior to administering the vaccine.'

"This bill gives way for physicians, physician assistants, and interns to vaccinate people ages 3 through 17. All this floor amendment says is that's okay if their parents say okay, if they have consent from their parents. This isn't a partisan issue, this is the basic commonsense issue. And I think most parents would agree that they would not want their child to be vaccinated against their consent or against their will. So, I would kindly urge this body to adopt this commonsense floor amendment in supporting parents' rights over their *keiki Mahalo*."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. In opposition at this time, Mr. Speaker, insofar as this floor amendment is unnecessary, as parental consent is required for vaccinations through a myriad of other laws, including HRS 671-3. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 1, amending H.B. No. 2553, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry, with Representatives Cochran, Ganaden, and Woodson being excused.

(Main Motion)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2553, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Gates, Kila, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1060-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2079, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2079, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. LGBTQ rights are human rights. In our state's defense of civil liberties for all, preserving bodily autonomy is a matter of urgent concern. There has been a great deal of

misinformation deliberately spread about this bill, so today I wanted to correct the record and respond to those who have put a politics of fear before the politics of individual liberty.

"Here is what this bill actually does. First, it protects providers and recipients of gender-affirming care from being targeted by out-of-state agencies that seek to undermine their bodily freedom and obtain their private patient information. Sadly, this is something that has been done by red states all across the country in an attempt to suppress gender minorities.

"Second, this measure protects families from having their *keiki* removed by out-of-state agencies for providing their *keiki* with access to gender-affirming care. Again, this is something that individuals from red states are doing in an effort to literally steal transgender children away from their parents and their homes. Third, this proposal improves access to gender-affirming care by allowing telehealth providers to prescribe hormone treatment without an in-person consultation."

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

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

Representative Kapela continued, stating:

"Fourth, this bill further enshrines bodily autonomy into state law so that individual medical decisions are made by doctors, their families, their parents, and their patients.

"Finally, here is what the bill does not do. This bill would not allow minors to access gender-affirming care without parental consent. I'm going to say it one more time because I think a lot of people don't get it. If you are a parent and you decide to do this with your child, then it's okay. But you cannot, your child cannot do this or get gender-affirming care without your consent as a parent. There is no law in the country that allows that. And we are certainly not going to try and do that with this bill.

"Additionally, this bill would not cause parents to lose custody of their children for restricting access to gender-affirming care. If your child wants gender-affirming care and you say no to your minor child, they have to listen to you as the parent.

"On the contrary, this bill guarantees that parents who do allow their children access to gender-affirming care won't lose their children because of custody challenges brought by other states.

"It is not the advocates for this bill who are trying to limit individual rights or take away people's children. It is the opponents of gender-affirming care who are attempting to prevent families from making a choice that is in their best interest, and who are supporting laws that would criminalize their *keiki* for expressing their true identity. I think it's so important that we support parents' rights and support families who choose this. Just because someone has a different choice than you, doesn't mean that you should take that away from them. Thank you."

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

"In opposition, strong opposition. Thank you. I want to read the description of this bill, House Bill 2079. It relaxes the requirements for prescribing certain controlled substances as part of gender-affirming health care services. It expands the protections established under Act 2 to include gender-affirming health care services. It clarifies jurisdiction under the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for cases involving children who obtain gender-affirming health care services.

"Mr. Speaker, as I've said before on this floor, House Bill 2079 is a blatant attack against the parents and families of Hawai'i. This is children we're talking about. And I think some folks, Mr. Speaker, like to make this argument over a particular group of people. My opposition to this isn't targeting anyone for their lifestyle choice, the way they choose to live their life. This is a free country, and I believe every citizen has the right to live life as they wish, and no one can tell them what to do or how to live.

"But this is children we're talking about. Minors, not anybody, this is minors. And this bill targets children. This bill has had quite the discussion across Hawai'i in recent weeks. And what I'm hearing from the people of

Hawai'i who, yes, have read the many pages of this bill, is simply this, leave our *keiki* alone. These decisions, when they engage in gender-affirming care, are permanent. They are life changing. As I said before, this isn't just taking a pill or dyeing your hair color green or blue. This is life changing alterations. It includes gender reassignment surgery and/or hormone blockers, which I believe is chemical castration. And there have been no long, long-term studies to show the efficacy and health benefits from these gender affirmation drugs.

"The main drug that's used in gender-affirming care is something called Lupron, which, by the way, big pharma makes about \$30,000 a year per person who's on hormone blockers, Lupron. This bill doesn't stop at the promotion of child mutilation. It continues, and here is what I find offensive—"

Representative Kapela rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order. There's nothing about child mutilation in this bill."

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Hold on. Representative Kapela, you're not recognized.

Representative Kapela: "I ask that he constrain his remarks to this bill."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, really a point of order is parliamentary procedure..."

At 11:19 a.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

The Chair then stated:

"Members, let's just remember, let's keep our remarks to the bill."

Representative Garcia continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as I will continue to keep my remarks pertaining to this bill. This bill does not stop at the promotion of child mutilation. It continues, and here is what I find offensive. On page 48—"

Representative Nakamura rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Keeping remarks to the bill and not going beyond the contents of the bill."

Representative Garcia continued, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I'm talking about House Bill 2079, okay, and I'm going to continue in opposition. And it is my opinion, Mr. Speaker, and by the way, this is a free country, we're allowed to have our own opinions. And folks may not agree, they may disagree, but we have the right to have our own opinions. So, on page 48 it says this, a court of this state shall have temporary—"

Representative Nakamura rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Mr. Speaker, please strike that this is child mutilation from the Journal."

At 11:21 a.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

Representative Garcia continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Continuing on my opposition to House Bill 2079. Page 48 states, and I quote, 'a court of this State shall have temporary emergency jurisdiction if the child is present in this State and the child has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because,' and then it gives two reasons. The first reason makes sense, 'the child, or a sibling or parent of the child, is subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse.' That makes sense.

"But the second point, 'the child has been unable to obtain gender-affirming health care services.' Mr. Speaker, I think what this bill does is it

lays the foundation, because there are those who fear that families from red states who have passed legislation prohibiting this gender-affirming care for minors, that those families would come here and make Hawai'i a gender-affirming sanctuary state. And that if those states try and enforce their laws on their residents, we step in and our court system steps in, and we now have temporary emergency jurisdiction over their children in court.

"This is a blatant attack on families. It's against what we believe here in Hawai'i. Parents have a fundamental right to raise their children the way they want. And if parents are okay with this, that's great, that is their right. But there are many, many, many families who disagree, who feel that this is a bill that should not be passed in Hawai'i. So, for those reasons, very strong no vote."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I want to point to the exact same language that the previous speaker pointed to, and what he fails to emphasize is that the child has been abandoned. That this law goes into effect when the court finds that the child has been abandoned. There are many situations that it will be a court to determine and then provide this access. And so, for that reason, to read this law in its entirety, to look at Section 583A, and to understand that this is not taking away the parent's right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"In opposition. This bill has many dynamics, many facets. I'm going to be against the theme of the bill, which is gender-affirming care. I would like to thank the heart behind inclusion and equity. All members of our community are valuable.

"This bill relaxes requirements for what and how physicians prescribe controlled substances like puberty blockers and hormones in regard to gender-affirming care. It allows out-of-state physicians to prescribe with merely a telehealth interaction, no need to be in person. So, a doctor can be on the phone talking to the family, and they can initiate sex change surgery processes like hormones and puberty blockers.

"A potential dilemma facing transgender children, their families, and their doctor, is this. Taking cross hormones can reduce fertility. There isn't enough research to find out if it is reversible or not. So, when children make the decision to start taking hormones, they have to consider whether they ever want to have biological children. No long-term longitudinal studies of puberty blockers and their effects on children have ever been done. Thus, the treatment that this bill encourages is somewhat experimental.

"Concerns have been raised that hormonal suppression of puberty may permanently alter neurodevelopment. The possible impact of puberty blockage on a young person's cognition has important implications for the capacity to give informed consent. In other words, if a child takes puberty blockers, if they're going to in the future make medical decisions about sex change surgery, their ability to make that cognitive decision has been decreased.

"Sweden was one of the earliest and strongest supporters of gender-affirming care. A Swedish study published in 2011 found that, 'persons with transsexualism, after sex reassignment, have considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal behaviour, and psychiatric morbidity than the general population. Our findings suggest that sex reassignment, although alleviating gender dysphoria, may not suffice as treatment for transsexualism...'

"Countries who are earliest supporters of gender-affirming care, such as Finland, Sweden, Norway, and the UK, are now backpedaling and acknowledging how experimental this treatment is.

"As legislators, we bear the responsibility of weighing the consequences of the legislation we enact. Should we open the door wider for our *keiki* to embark on a journey filled with uncertainties and implications when they have yet to attain full cognition development? It is incumbent upon us to safeguard their wellbeing and refrain from endorsing experimental procedures that have no definite solution to gender dysphoria.

"I implore my colleagues to consider the gravity of the decision before us. Let us prioritize the welfare of our youth. They deserve nothing less than our unwavering commitment to their health and future wellbeing. God made

male and female. He did a pretty good job. Men and women are equal, and they're complementary in biology."

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

"In opposition, Mr. Speaker. And I'd first like to commend the introducer's really hard work on what is an incredibly complex issue. Personally, I don't know that I think it's as cut and dried as either side would have us believe. I am concerned about the lack of data. I'm concerned about some of the provisions in this bill. I'll save the rest of my comments for final reading, but I am forcefully reminded of something Sartre once said, *l'enfer, c'est les autres*."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I want to back up what the chair from our Committee on Health says, that is how the bill is structured to be. This bill provides a safeguard for our families from having their children removed by out-of-state agencies for providing them with lifesaving medical care. It does not take away parental rights. In fact, it protects families' right to live in a supportive home.

"I also want to clarify that being transgender is not a choice. No one wakes up one day and decides, hey, I'm going to be transgender and I'm going to make my life 10 times harder. Because the data shows, and it indicates that 82% of trans individuals have considered suicide, 40% of them have attempted it. It's even higher amongst our transgendered youth. This bill saves lives and I urge this body to support it. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. As someone who represents a community in which there are multiple families whose children have attempted suicide for these reasons, for the reasons mentioned by the previous speaker, I want to support this particular measure. And I do want to circle back to the specific work that this measure does.

"So, it does not create any laws that authorize surgeries on minors or take away children from their families. I think that's a really important clarification, because there has been a lot of misinformation on social media. This bill will ensure that parents in Hawai'i cannot have their children removed by out-of-state courts for allowing medical care under a doctor's supervision for their child that is already legal in the State of Hawai'i. It only seeks to hold residents of our island home harmless from laws enacted on the continent. And for those reasons, I'm in strong support."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, with reservations. Time and time again, Mr. Speaker, we hear this term thrown around on the floor about parental rights. And once more, this term has been used in reference to this bill, that this bill will infringe on parental rights. However, parental rights cannot be given by the government because parents have inherent rights in addition to fundamental rights under the law.

"In *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, a Supreme Court case from 1925, it states that, 'the child is not the mere creature of the state; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.'

"Generally, this body can only affirm parental rights. So, the very individuals on this floor who keep begging this body to give parents rights are contradicting the very essence of their arguments rooted in faith and religion that parents should have the right to raise their children. Parents do have this right, and they can exercise it freely, with exceptions, as this fundamental right is not absolute.

"A Harvard Law Review article pointing to the specific dilemma of banning gender-affirming care states the following. 'Many other courts and commentators have presumed that parents' common law right to supervise their children's healthcare is constitutionally protected. Gender-affirming care bans would likely violate this right. Prohibiting parents from authorizing medically necessary treatment for their children when they

believe this care is in their children's best interests is just the kind of intrusive government conduct that parental due process rights guard against.'

"The argument that parents should have the right to raise their children as they choose is the very crux of this bill. This bill specifically states that, 'a law of another state that authorizes a state agency to remove a child from their parent or guardian based on the parent or guardian allowing the child to receive gender-affirming health care services shall be against the public policy of this State...'

"Banning gender-affirming care and imposing your wishes on trans youth is making decisions for these families.

"The Supreme Court in the Troxel decision said this. 'For the state to delegate to the parents the authority to raise the child as the parents see fit, except when the state thinks another choice would be better, is to give the parents no authority at all. "You may do whatever you choose, so long as it is what I would choose also" does not constitute a delegation of authority. If there is no delegation of authority, there is no barrier between the state and how parents raise their children.'

"You can't have it both ways and provide contradictory arguments. On one hand, some on this floor are saying parents need rights, while also simultaneously saying they know, as legislators, what is best for our children without caring about the overwhelming evidence that this course of treatment in this bill protects, and it is the standard course of action for dealing with gender dysphoria, according to the super majority of medical institutions.

"Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, we have a responsibility on this floor to express the facts of bills and not sensationalize issues just to provide content to the social media crowd and rally our bases. Again, Mr. Speaker, I can't infringe on a parent's rights to raise their children as they deem fit, and therefore I will be voting yes with reservations on this measure. Thank you."

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

"*Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. I would like to thank the introducer as well as the Health chair for the clarification provided on this bill. Mr. Speaker, I am in support of access to care, because I do believe that every single individual should be able to live their fullest lives. I do want to share, Mr. Speaker, that in 2022, the Legislature did pass into law House Bill 2405, which strengthens our Gender Affirming Treatment Act and provides access to gender-affirming care deemed medically necessary.

"I also appreciate that this bill seeks to offer protections to those who seek and provide gender-affirming care in the state, without fear of prosecution. While there are attempts across the nation to ban gender-affirming care access, I do believe that Hawai'i will never be one of those states. However, despite the proactive intent of this bill, I do feel that it is in search of a premature problem.

"Missing in this measure is testimony from providers saying that this bill is necessary for the protection of public health beyond what is already legal under current Hawai'i law. Providers, and I've spoken to some providers, currently offer gender-affirming care and the law in place already protects patients from discriminatory treatment, as well as decisions that are found to be cosmetic.

"Finally, testosterone is classified as a Schedule III controlled substance due to its potential for risk and misuse and concerns without a thorough in-person evaluation. Hawai'i laws would not prevent testosterone from being prescribed if deemed medically necessary. Providers are able to do telehealth consultations after a first in-person evaluation. So, for those reasons, I am a no at this time."

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

"Mr. Speaker, opposition please. Could I please adopt the words of the Health chair and the vice chair of Higher Education as if they were my own. And brief comment. Whether this bill chooses to pass or not, predating the Legislature and predating time, *māhū* folks in the Native Hawaiian community are here and have always been here. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In strong opposition, Mr. Speaker. Our children make mistakes, change their minds. As they get older they always come back and say, hey, mom, dad, I wish I listened to you back in the past when I was younger. We raising our kids, we do want to give them and support them on their decision. Understand that the bill that we want to help them out.

"But if you, for example, if a pineapple is green, you're not going to eat the pineapple, you're going to wait till the pineapple get ripened and you're going to eat the pineapple later on when the pineapple is ripe. Why cannot we wait to our kids turn at the age to make their choice? Why do we have to support them at the younger age when the mistakes is happening at our younger age.

"I made mistakes at my younger age. Those are the most time that I made the mistakes. But to show the love and care just because that child and say, I want to be a man or I want to be a female, and we're going to support it that way just because of that. But that child cannot make that decision at that younger age. I feel that we should be supporting our kids by the right time as they growing up to make that decisions for themselves. So, I oppose this. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. I was actually surprised in a full read of this bill about how little it actually changes in the law. As mentioned by several other speakers, this legislature changed the law several years ago regarding the ability of individuals aged 14 and up to get gender-affirming health care services.

"I wanted to also note that the big chunk of the bill has to do with the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, acronym UCCJEA. It gets kind of technical in family court when we discuss which court will have jurisdiction over the custody of a child. These sometimes end up in appellate courts. But because we're talking about 14-year-olds, 14-year-olds tend to choose where they want to live with their feet. So, oftentimes, a family court will just ask the young person, where do you want to live? How do you want to live? Which parent or guardian do you want to live with? And for that reason, I'm in support of this. I think we need to defend our family court's ability to honor the wishes of young people and where they want to live.

"I'm also concerned about the differing state opinions that might be coming down the pipe in the next few years, and the possibility that young people might be removed from this jurisdiction based on open decisions by the Ninth Circuit or the Supreme Court. Thank you."

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

Representative Pierick rose, stating:

"A point of personal privilege. If I could make a recommendation for everybody to include in their next mailer that they voted yes on this bill if they did, and explain to them what this bill means and let their voters know what they're doing."

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "That's not what it's used for with your personal privilege, but let's just move on."

Representative Martinez 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 Souza rose to a point of order, stating:

"Second time, Mr. Speaker, and just a point of order. I know that there was not a ruling on the earlier decision to strike 'child mutilation' from the record. Can I proceed? I'm making the same point of order, but a different explanation."

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Yes, it'll be stricken out of the record."

Representative Souza: "I'm sorry. Yes, I would like to strike 'child mutilation' from the record, and just with a little explanation."

Representative Garcia rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Did you just say yes to striking the word 'child mutilation' or yes to the point of order?"

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Yes, to the point of order."

Representative Garcia: "So, the word 'child mutilation' has not been stricken, correct?"

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "It is stricken."

Representative Garcia: "It is stricken?"

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Representative Garcia if you would like the challenge the Chair's ruling?"

Representative Garcia: "I do, that's what I'm doing. Point of order."

At 11:46 a.m., Representative Nakamura requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

Representative Souza continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to strike 'child mutilation' from the record because 'child mutilation' is not an actual term. And further, it's an inappropriate term and was derived from conservative states.

"And there is female genital mutilation and circumcision that is oftentimes mistaken for male genital mutilation. But the broad term 'genital mutilation' or 'child mutilation' is sensationalizing gender-affirming care and is factually incorrect. And even if used, it's being used in the wrong context. 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. 2079, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 35 ayes to 14 noes, with Representatives Chun and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kila, Kong, La Chica, Lamosao, Martinez, Matsumoto, Pierick, Quinlan, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1061-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2007, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2007, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Marten, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1062-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2261, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2261, HD 2 pass Third Reading, 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 Hussey-Burdick 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. 2261, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with

Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1063-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1838, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1838, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Ward offered Floor Amendment No. 2, amending H.B. No. 1838, HD 2as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 1838, H.D. 2, is amended by amending Section 2, page 6, line 6 through page 7, line 10 to read as follows:

"Neither this section nor any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall prohibit the continued lawful use of any building or premises for any trade, industrial, residential, agricultural, or other purpose for which the building or premises is used at the time this section or the ordinance takes effect; provided that a zoning ordinance may provide for elimination of nonconforming uses as the uses are discontinued, or for the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming uses or signs over a reasonable period of time in commercial, industrial, resort, and apartment zoned areas only[-]; provided further that a zoning ordinance may provide for the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming single-family transient vacation rental units that are not owner-occupied over a reasonable period of time in an area of any zoning classification. In no event shall [sueh] the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming uses apply to any existing building or premises used for residential (single-family or duplex) or agricultural uses[-] other than nonconforming transient vacation rental units that are not owner-occupied as provided in this subsection. Nothing in this section shall affect or impair the powers and duties of the director of transportation as set forth in chapter 262.

For the purposes of this subsection:

"Transient vacation rental unit" means "short-term rental home", "short-term vacation rental", "transient vacation rental", "transient vacation unit", or "transient vacation use", as those terms are defined by county ordinance.

"Owner-occupied" means property which is used as the owner's primary residence and which property, or portion thereof, is operated as a transient vacation rental unit.""

Representative Ward moved that Floor Amendment No. 2 be adopted, seconded by Representative Garcia.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few comments to make common sense out of what otherwise is a zoning issue. This came to my attention from a constituent who is old, who is taking care of a family member who is crippled, disabled, and they live on Social Security. The point is to amend something to allow people who in their home allow short-term rentals. Who people who are totally within the vicinity of all of their rooms, except they rent out a room temporarily.

"Mr. Speaker, this is a bill for our *kūpuna*, it's a bill for those who are on a fixed income, it's a bill for those who are just being able to make it. And it's not people who come in and buy and make an Airbnb, it's for those people whose homes are there, who they have supervision over, who have jurisdiction over. And the amendment says, hey, let's let these old people do that so they can survive because of the high cost of living, *et cetera*, *et cetera*."

"So, it's just a tweak saying don't exclude the old people. And I urge all of you who have constituents who are old to consider this, because it's not bringing any new visitors, Airbnb, it's allowing people to rent out a room and not being considered those who are being excluded by many of the zoning laws. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, it's common sense, give the *kūpuna* a break. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of the bill is to give the counties the authority to, if they choose, phase out non-conforming vacation rentals over a reasonable period of time. They, under the current version of the bill, without the amendment, the counties could choose not to phase out hosted short-term rentals.

"The problem, in my opinion, with the proposed amendment is that it would apply much too broadly in that there are lots of owner-occupied parcels that are nonconforming that I think the counties will want to phase out over a reasonable period of time. For example, this would include part-time residents who have, say, a homeowner's exemption for their parcel. They live in it for part of the year, but then they short-term rent it when they're not here. This amendment would prohibit those from being phased out.

"It would also apply to parcels, which we have a number of them on Kaua'i, with multiple vacation rentals on a single lot of record, where the owner lives onsite. So, there's examples of five or more vacation rentals on a parcel, owner lives on there, that's essentially a hotel in a residential area. Counties wouldn't have the authority to phase that out if they so choose. I believe that it would also be hard for them to enforce, and it would create a legal loophole that would open them up to challenges as they try to phase out these rentals over time. So, for those reasons, I oppose the amendment. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, second time in support, brief rebuttal. Mr. Speaker, the reason we have committees is so we can amend things, and the reason why we put amendment is so we can think of things in a different way. For example, we could put a means test. As I said, this is for old people who are on a fixed income who have a house which is probably their only asset to supplement their social security. So, we could do a means test. We could do an age test. We can do something that says even you have to be an owner occupant.

"The point is, Mr. Speaker, we can carve out an exemption for those people who are barely making it in Hawai'i. And I don't need to remind everybody, 15,000 people are leaving every year because of the cost of living. This is the chance to keep the *kama'aina kūpuna* home. And regardless of how there is those who are going to take advantage of it, there's nobody taking more advantage of the Airbnb now than what's already on the books.

"My point is, Mr. Speaker, this bill has the potential to be good for the older people, for those on Social Security, those who are fixed. Which, as I said earlier in my community, it's an elderly person living on Social Security who wants to rent out a room and do it legitimately, and it simply carves out that in this other bill. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is common sense. And if we remember, Hawai'i has almost 20% of its population who are over 65. Thank you."

Representative Evslin rose to respond, stating:

"In continued opposition. Just to clarify again, the bill currently gives the counties the full authority, if they wanted to, to make carve outs for hosted rentals with means testing, with whatever they want to do. In my opinion, the counties are better suited to come up with those carve outs than we would in a blanket amendment here. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 2, amending H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and upon a voice vote, failed to carry, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

(Main Motion)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1065-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2504, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2504, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1068-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2720, HD 2, as amended in HD 3, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2720, HD 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

At 12:03 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 1892, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2264, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2743, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1988, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2328, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2364, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2548, HD 3
 H.B. No. 2787, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2083, HD 3
 H.B. No. 2705, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2139, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2081, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2246, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2012, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1856, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2526, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2748, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2553, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2079, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2007, HD 3
 H.B. No. 2261, HD 2
 H.B. No. 1838, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2504, HD 2
 H.B. No. 2720, HD 3

At 12:03 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:05 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 2317, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2317, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2094, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2094, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Kong, Pierick, and Tam voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2524, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2524, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2352, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2352, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative La Chica 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 H.B. No. 2352, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative La Chica voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1842, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1842, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1527, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1527, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1580, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1580, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1682, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PET SALES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kitagawa, and Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1980, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1980, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1595, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1595, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition and comment. This bill creates a state-initiated process to expunge criminal records related to the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree, which would include possession of three grams or less of marijuana, which was decriminalized in 2019. However, as I stated during second reading, under Hawai'i Revised Statutes 712-1249, attempting to expunge records under this HRS would not

only expunge those in possession of three grams or less of marijuana, but would expunge all offenses charged under this section, which includes possession of less than one ounce or 28 grams of cannabis, nearly 10 times the decriminalized amount, as well as any amount of a Schedule V substance.

"This bill, as written, does not achieve the expungement of three grams or less of marijuana, which is our legal decriminalization law, but in fact expunges other offenses that are not decriminalized and still not allowed by law.

"I'd also like to thank the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee for holding an informational briefing last week on the issue of expungement. During this informational briefing, it was shared by both the Attorney General's Office as well as the Judiciary, that more time is needed to study and discuss how best to create a state-initiated process for expunging a person's record. They referenced a bill moving through the Senate, which would establish the clean slate expungement task force to develop a state-initiated record clearing program. This task force would include different departments as well as organizations, to determine ways to best move forward with expungement of a criminal record. I believe that we should focus on something like this as a first step instead of passing this bill, which is clearly not worked out and does not achieve the outcome that it is intended.

"The informational briefing also provided information and data that I believe was not taken into consideration when creating and moving this bill forward, and in my opinion, brought up other issues that should be discussed regarding expungement, like non-conviction records and the many steps that currently happen for an expungement to take place, as well as the numerous departments that are involved in the process.

"I believe that this bill is premature and may have unintended consequences if it is passed into law. And for these reasons, I am in opposition to this bill. Thank you very much."

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

"In support, thank you. This measure creates a state-initiated process for the approximately 30,000 people who have a record for either an arrest or conviction under HRS 712-1249, which includes the lowest level of cannabis possession. Unfortunately, we cannot disaggregate the amount of cannabis or whether someone was arrested for a different substance. So, the only way to bring relief to all these individuals is through expungement for all offenses under this particular part of the HRS.

"Many states have transitioned to a state-initiated record clearance process, including Utah, Michigan, and Minnesota, because we find that if it's a petition-based system, most individuals don't go through the process. It's a very complicated process that is intimidating. And so that's why we're trying to establish a state-initiated record clearance process. And so, I urge all members to support this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1595, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 35 ayes to 14 noes, with Representative Chun voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Kitagawa, Kong, La Chica, Lamosao, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Nishimoto, Onishi, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1664, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1664, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza 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 H.B. No. 1664, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC CORRUPTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2342, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2342, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. So, this bill would make it illegal to have a switchblade or a butterfly knife. If we look at the 2022 Supreme Court ruling on the Bruen case, American citizens have the right to defend themselves. So, this bill seems to be in opposition to that Supreme Court case. I want to protect the constituents of District 39, and if they feel threatened or at harm, they should be allowed to put those kind of knives on their person to defend themselves. It's also my heart's desire to protect the people of Hawai'i outside of my district. So, voting no against this bill would be an effort to protect the people of Hawai'i, to allow them to have a switchblade and a butterfly knife on them. To quote John Locke, the safety of the innocent is to be preferred. I'm voting no."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I'm voting no on this bill. The weapon that people are using are the butterfly knife, brass knuckle. The problem is not the weapon, the problem is the person behind the weapon. And if the person want to carry a knife or a gun or switchblade and they're going to do this kind of actions, that person is going to do that action anyway. To name that these weapons are the cause of the person doing this kind of illegal activities, I feel that it's not because of the weapon, it's because of the person. And therefore, the reason I oppose. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. Just want to say that with the rising crime statistics, and not just crime but violent crime here in Hawai'i, I think we should be encouraging self-defense and encouraging people to use non-lethal weapons such as these mentioned."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2342, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WEAPONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 39 ayes to 10 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Kila, Kong, Lamosao, Matsumoto, Pierick, Souza, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2804, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2804, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Lamosao 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2804, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Lamosao and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Kila, Kong, Miyake, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2311, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2311, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2513, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2513, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Kila, La Chica, Lamosao, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1604, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1604, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would make it to where you can't arrest somebody if they're on probation, if they come back, they are tested positive for drugs. So, if you commit a crime and you get released on probation, while you're on probation, if you check in with your parole officer and you test positive for drugs, when you're normally supposed to go back to jail, this bill would make it to where you don't have to go to jail anymore.

"Those who testified against this bill is the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Kaua'i, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of Honolulu. So, I don't think that it's a good idea to pass this bill. The rationale of those in support of this bill say that there's not enough space in jail for those that would go to jail, so let's just make it to where less people go to jail. I don't think that's the preferred thoughts that we should have on the bill. I think we should put people in jail if they should go to jail. Thank you."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. I think the previous speaker might be confused. This bill has to do with screening and the ability for courts to mandate screening for defendants facing numerous charges. It received a whole lot of support. It's actually in practice in many courts throughout the State of Hawai'i. So, in support of that generalized practice for all defendants, in support."

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

"Thank you, in support. This measure allows the court to order substance abuse assessment and treatment of a defendant before trial. It prohibits the revocation of parole or arrest of a parolee solely due to the parolee having one positive test for drug use. This standardizes, Mr. Speaker, what has become routine practice by allowing someone to have one failed drug test without violating the terms of parole. And this is important, judges maintain the discretion to incarcerate, as the language is 'may,' not 'shall.' So, I urge members to support this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1604, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Holt, Kong, Matsumoto, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2470, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2470, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTESTED CASES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, Poepoe, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2581, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2581, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2298, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2298, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2802, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2802, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. If the government needs a framework to define marriage for tax purposes, they can simply create laws of civil union and taxing people that are multiple people living in the same household. It's not the government's job to define marriage, it's God's job to do that."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. For 26 years, Section 23 of the Hawai'i State Constitution grants the Legislature the power to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples, which has caused a lot of damage and hurt in the LGBTQ+ community. Lifelong partners were unable to be by each other's side as they take their final breath. Partners couldn't make financial decisions together. Many were unable to have their love recognized legally and were forced to live with the stigma not felt by their heterosexual peers.

"However, progress doesn't stop. In those 26 years, the Defense of Marriage Act was struck down as unconstitutional. The Hawai'i State Legislature passed the Marriage Equality Act in 2013. The Supreme Court ruled that, in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, that marriage is a right nationwide, and the United States codified that right through the Respect for Marriage Act. Yet despite all this change, Section 23 remains untouched in our Constitution. That changes with this legislation. Today we'll be passing out of this House the first step to removing discriminatory language that should have never been in the Constitution in the first place.

"Public opinion has changed on the issue of marriage for the LGBTQ+ community. The people have come to realize that the community is just like everyone else. We are neighbors, lawyers, doctors, postal workers, and even legislators, and for 26 years the community has lived under a constitution that excludes them. The Hawai'i State Constitution should represent everyone, including the LGBTQ+ community. So, I urge my colleagues today to please pass this bill."

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

"Thank you, in support. The bill itself is very, very short. It actually just strikes out one sentence. And somewhat ironically, it actually restricts the power of government to define marriage. So, strong support of having less government control over marriage. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Our State Constitution providing that the Legislature has authority to reserve marriage to opposite sex couples is at odds with marriage equality for same sex couples passed by this legislature in 2013. Hawai'i affords same sex marriage through statute, and to reserve the Legislature the authority to overturn rights that were already afforded over 10 years ago is archaic and should be placed on the ballot to let the people of the state decide if Article I, Section 23, should be repealed.

"The people of Hawai'i should make this decision and decide whether or not we should continue to dangle this carrot that is embedded in our Constitution that could strip same sex couples of their current rights under the law. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2802, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 23, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO MARRIAGE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2692, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2692, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 36 ayes to 13 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Holt, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Matsumoto, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Souza, Tam, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1602, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1602, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"With reservations, Mr. Speaker. America has always been a nation of second chances, but are we to also be a nation of third and fourth and fifth chances? My fear is that this measure somewhat erodes our culture of personal responsibility."

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

"In opposition. This bill would allow someone if they're supposed to appear before the court, if they don't appear before the court, they've got a 48-hour grace period. This is a weak on crime bill. We need to be tough on crime. People need to be held accountable, if they commit a crime and the process of that accountability is appearing before the court."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. Some of the reasons given by the proponents for giving this 48-hour leeway grace period is traffic, car trouble, not being able to find the right courtroom. I think these are serious issues. If people have committed a crime, they should be able to show up on time. And just citing the testimony from SHOPO, I think everybody sees that crime is rising in our state. To note SHOPO's testimony, it says, 'deaf to the pleas of those in our community for more to be done to address brazen criminals who seem to be operating without consequences, the backers of this bill wish to provide criminal defendants with more leeway and less accountability, which will directly affect the safety of our communities and further decrease the public's trust and confidence in our criminal justice system.' Thank you."

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

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

"In support. This measure allows the person's attorney or the person, if the person is not represented by counsel, to contact the court during the grace period, if they missed their court appearance, to request that the initial appearance be reset in the court's calendar without the issuance of a warrant. We worked with the Judiciary in order to come up with the language that we included in the draft of the bill before us today, Mr. Speaker. And we have the blessing of the Judiciary with this language so that it would work within the functioning of the courts, and it's fair and reasonable. So, I urge members to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Lamosao 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 H.B. No. 1602, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Lamosao, Quinlan, and Souza voting aye with

reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kila, La Chica, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1660, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1660, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill increases capital gains tax. This would discourage investors from investing in Hawai'i. Elders often depend on capital gains tax. Hawai'i is already the 10th highest in the nation when it comes to capital gains. I don't think we should be trying to compete for a higher score when it comes to high taxes. I'm voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1660, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2652, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2652, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti 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 H.B. No. 2652, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Belatti voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Kila, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2653, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2653, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti 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 H.B. No. 2653, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ESTATE TAX," passed Third Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Belatti voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Kila, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 2664, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2664, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rising in support. It is only within the last week that we have begun to comprehend exactly how dire our fiscal situation is with uncontrolled costs due to the Maui wildfires. We were initially told by the administration that the impact in this fiscal year would be about \$200 million, and the governor's team did the best they could to free up funds, mostly by converting the means of financing for several projects and initiatives this body previously passed. Yet nearly seven months after the fires, we're now learning that we need triple that amount. And without a clear plan on how to house the survivors as something less than \$1 million per day, we really don't know how much we're in for."

"I mention this because my motivation for introducing this bill, which would lapse nearly \$350 million in CIP funding for the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District, or NASED, and sweep nearly \$50 million in the Stadium Authority Special Fund, was to make the point that in this type of fiscal emergency, there can be no sacred cows. Everything must be on the

table as we decide how to salvage our financial plan for this supplemental year, even a project like NASED that has been discussed for over a decade. We should also identify other projects that may fall under the nice to have category and look for potential cost savings to help us balance our budget.

"Mr. Speaker, in your Committee on Finance, opponents of this bill pointed out that 10 years of planning has gone into this NASED project and that over \$25 million has been spent so far, and that walking away now would leave us with nothing to show for it. Admittedly, I only took one or two classes of economics in college, but I do recall learning about the concept of the sunk-cost fallacy, which describes a tendency to follow through on an endeavor simply because we have already invested money, time, or effort into it, even if the current costs outweigh the benefits. As stewards of taxpayer funds, we should never throw good money after bad.

"In that same hearing, opponents also expressed concerns that canceling an active procurement may subject us to lawsuits. But I'll remind this body that the state previously canceled this very same RFP, and we were not sued at that time.

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention that the other reason I introduced this bill as the representative from Mānoa is to support my beloved University of Hawai'i and provide some assurance for the future of its football program. When Aloha Stadium was condemned in 2020 with hardly any notice, the university was left scrambling for a place to play. The state didn't provide any aid at that time, yet the university came up with \$30 million to build a temporary stadium at its current site at Ching Field on the Mānoa campus.

"It has been almost four years since the stadium was shut down, which means there are only a handful of players left on the team, if any, who actually played in Aloha Stadium. The best-case scenario we hear from proponents of NASED is that the new Aloha Stadium would be available in time for the 2028 season. Which means by then, eight years would have passed and several hundred UH football players will have only known Ching Field.

"This is a long way of saying the university and its football program have been left twisting in the wind this whole time, and this bill would finally bring some certainty. Mr. Speaker, this bill does so by reappropriating over \$200 million of the \$350 million being lapsed back to the university to make Ching Field permanent and improve related infrastructure in the lower campus.

"With this money, will Ching Field become a world class venue? No, of course not. Will UH ever become a member of a Power Five conference with such a simple stadium? Again, of course not. But that was never going to happen anyway, no matter how beautiful a new Aloha Stadium might look like.

"I will concede that the University of Hawai'i testified in opposition on this bill, but I'll remind this body that there are times when entities may feel compelled to make certain public pronouncements for a multitude of reasons. I'm confident that if the Legislature decides that this is the best path forward, the university will gladly accept the funding and build a stadium as expeditiously as possible.

"But most importantly, Mr. Speaker, what this bill does is free up sorely needed CIP funding in cash to help us meet our obligations to the Maui recovery, as well as other unmet needs of the state. I don't believe there's any other vehicle this session that would create nearly \$200 million in combined capacity like this bill does.

"Finally, this bill also morphs the current Stadium Authority into the Hālawā Redevelopment Authority and tasks it with deciding the best path forward for this 100-acre gem of a site, one that already comes with a fully built transit station."

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

Representative Garrett continued, stating:

"Thank you very much. With apologies to the representative from Hālawā, this site is completely owned by the state, so I believe all of us should have a say in its future. Everyone in this chamber agrees that housing is the number one issue facing our community. So, hitting the pause button

on NASED will give us a chance to decide what really is the highest and best use for this parcel.

"Mr. Speaker, this bill represents the last chance to have that important discussion. From my vantage point, this site is a once in a generation opportunity to bring thousands of affordable and workforce housing units into the market in one fell swoop. I don't believe we'll ever get to the 50,000 units the governor tells us we need with simple urban infill projects here and there scattered throughout the state. We owe it to the people of Hawai'i to start thinking bigger.

"If this repurposed authority were to issue an RFP along those lines, one that removes a burden of designing, building, maintaining, and operating a stadium, I believe there would be even more interest from developers in transforming that site into a vibrant, transit-oriented community.

"For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same to keep this discussion going. I'd like to remind my colleagues that a no vote on this bill maintains the status quo, allows NASED to proceed, and does not free up the funds we need to address our ongoing commitments to the survivors of the Maui wildfires. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. I'd like to first say that I agree with almost everything the representative from Mānoa just said. As the chair of your Tourism Committee, unfortunately, I have a lot of experience with canceling RFPs. And my concern is not necessarily the merits as it relates to the budget, but whether or not we as a state are going to keep our word.

"And we've seen this over and over with large-scale projects where we've had to pull out for various reasons, whether they're political or financial or disaster related. And I worry that it's creating a climate of business that is not friendly. And I worry that it will, in the future, increase our costs because fewer developers, fewer businessmen will actually want to come here and do business with us. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, may I request the words of my debating partner from the North Shore be entered into the Journal as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"But let me be very clear, in strong opposition, Mr. Speaker. This bill is a loser. And I start with a question. Why is the convention center roof leak so badly in Honolulu at this Kalakaua and Kapiolani. Why does that roof leak? It's because we chose the wrong location. We wanted to go on the cheap. We want to go to Ching Field. Here's the equivalent. We were pushed to make a decision.

"Personally, I wanted to go into the Ala Wai Canal where there was going to be a mound. It was going to be under the ground. It was going to be environmentally perfect and beautiful. But no, we had to have centrality. Even though it was still far away from Waikīkī, and you couldn't walk to it. The point is, when you make a decision about location, you're locking things in very seriously and very expensively.

"And we talk about Maui. This is \$25 million we're going to throw out the window of which we've already invested. It's not good money after bad, it's taking good money and putting it into a bad location because Ching Field is going to be a loser. It's not going to get anybody to come to the football games, regardless of how bad UH is as a football player.

"The way that the Hālawā Aloha Stadium made money is through concerts, and that's where the potential is with auxiliary functions, Mr. Speaker. It's common sense, it's economic sense. So, if we're going to immediately save money and not borrow any more money, which we can do, we're going to create a loser, which promotes us into mediocrity. Which promotes us into a small little field which once we do it, we're never going to build another Aloha Stadium.

"So, Mr. Speaker, let's get away from this conundrum. Just stick with what we've decided and not get a lemon like we got at the convention center. It doesn't make sense. This is a loser the way we're shifting in the middle of the stream. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the introducers on this bill, trying to save the state some money to create some good ideas that they feel that direction that we should go. I'm in opposition, strong opposition. For the reasons why the stadium is where it is, it's centralized. It's an area where the whole island can be an easy place to get to. We have the swap meet there, we built the rail there. We built over \$20 million that we're losing, just was invested in the idea that the stadium is going to be there.

"I think Hawai'i should be the sports capital in this world. I think we should be bigger stadiums and we've got the best weather here to drive tourism in Hawai'i more. I feel that by taking away the opportunity from little kids that's going out to the stadium and being able to get in there and play and perform and do all these other things, now they're going to have to travel to UH or different other areas and taking away these venues. I believe that we should invest into these areas for our kids, and not always that we're making money or we're losing money, but it's about the people and the quality of life that we start giving and sharing with them.

"And I think my side of the community don't want to travel all the way to UH or some other areas. We do want to have someplace closer to home. And centralize where the stadium is now, I feel that's a good idea. If we could get something on the west side, I think it's a great idea as well. But, for those reasons, I oppose on this bill. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. Mr. Speaker, in September 2023, the University of Hawai'i hosted Stanford University for the football game. And what the university did was to accommodate the people at the stadium, which at the time held less than 14,000 people, was they transitioned all classes to remote, or they canceled classes. Mr. Speaker, it's clear that the university, one, doesn't have the students as a priority as far as education is concerned, and two, that the university simply doesn't have the infrastructure to support a stadium of any capacity. And for that reason, I'm in opposition. Thank you very much."

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

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"Expanding the University of Hawai'i's Ching Field for UH football games instead of building a new stadium at Hālawā is supported for two main reasons – it makes common sense and it's economical.

"The current stadium site in Hālawā only has enough infrastructure – water and sewer – to support the stadium itself. If surrounding retail, residential, and commercial development is expected to generate enough monies to pay for future stadium maintenance, that cannot occur for at least another 10 years when county water and sewer lines are scheduled to be built.

"In addition to the 10 years of carrying costs, a private developer may also face additional expense if a pedestrian walkway or bridge has to be built from the Skyline rail station. Engineers have noted the soil is so unstable it may require extensive excavation required for large buildings.

"Should these engineering and construction issues delay or prevent the private development from generating the projected revenue, the state may need to step in with annual subsidies as envisioned in previous proposals.

"A stand-alone stadium in Hālawā is unlikely to generate enough revenue to support itself. The UH plays at most eight football games there annually, and it is mainly dark the rest of the time. There have been 46 concerts held there in the last 45 years. Yet the stadium has been operating at a loss. The state had to provide as much as \$9 million in subsidies every year. In recent times, the biggest source of income for the stadium has been the swap meet.

"Sports economists note that new sports facilities have 'an extremely small, perhaps even negative, effect on overall economic activity and employment. No recent facility appears to have earned anything approaching a reasonable return on investment.'

"That may be why, out of the 216 Division I college football teams, all except six play in their own stadiums.

"HB 2664, passed by the House, would provide \$211 million to the UH for Ching Field to expand to 17,000 seats and fund improved infrastructure and restrooms in compliance with Division I rules. The measure would also return \$49 million to help pay for our escalating but critically needed costs for rebuilding from the Lahaina tragedy.

"In a time when the recovery cost for the Lahaina disaster has multiplied from the original \$600 million estimate to now closer to \$1 billion, we cannot reasonably risk state revenues on a new stadium when a common-sense alternative exists."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong opposition and permission to insert comments into the Journal."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in strong opposition of HB 2664, HD 1. This bill is generally what is wrong with the way we handle things here in Hawai'i. We oftentimes plan for today and do not think about the long-term future of our state, the potential revenue flow, and the community-building aspects of potential projects. Moreover, when we do plan for the long-term future of our state, years into planning for a project, we squash it or alter it so dramatically that it no longer is the project it was supposed to be—and wasting resources and money in the process.

"We need a stadium in Hawai'i—to bring in revenue and to provide a place for community-building—through athletics, concerts, and other opportunities that having this space will provide. The first problem with this bill is cutting the funding for the new stadium in Hālawā, and the second problem with this bill is throwing money at the current stadium at UH—which we already know based on UH's testimony in the Finance Committee—that they do not want the funds and they do not want a new stadium on the UH Mānoa campus. The rationale for this bill is to make available funding for the Maui wildfire relief efforts, but it's a mistake to change course now on the stadium project.

"This bill offers short-sighted solutions, and it is time that we become true visionaries for what Hawai'i can be and offer to our people and visitors."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, Mr. Speaker. I forgot to mention how adamantly against this bill the University of Hawai'i. Of course, we can force it down our throat, which the good representative from Mānoa indicated. But in terms of making it successful, pushing something that big of a project of which they're not good at, they have not the capacity for, I think is bad business.

"I want to quote one of the sayings in the Finance Committee by one of the vice presidents from UH. When they testified in the Finance Committee, they told us, it's nice to have a boat, but it's even better to have a friend who has a boat. In other words, it's great that we have the Hālawā Aloha Stadium. You know what a boat is, it's the continual pouring down a hole, money, dollar after dollar continually without any end. I know there's another way of saying that same thing.

"The last thing I want to say is, given our colleagues over in the Senate, Mr. Speaker, this bill is declaring war with the Senate. This is going to be a long, drawn-out battle if we stick to this particular vantage point of this bill.

"Economically speaking, again, the UH location is a loser. For the potential in the future, we've got to stick with the Aloha Stadium. This bill is changing directions to me is a conundrum. It just doesn't make any policy sense at all. Thank you."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. All things aside, it's about our kids in our state. Everybody grows up playing football, they want to play at Aloha Stadium. This year we have to have the high school championship at Mililani High School. Great stadium, great field, but it's just not the same. What are we telling all of our kids and our football team at UH, that they're going to have to just play at Cooke Field. It's what everybody grows up and strives to play for. They play Pop Warner games, they play high school games. Right now we have so many games at Farrington High School because that's the only place that they can play. It's just for our kids. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Amato 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 Hussey-Burdick 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 H.B. No. 2664, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 35 ayes to 14 noes, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kong, La Chica, Lowen, Perruso, Pierick, Quinlan, Souza, Tam, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

H.B. No. 1808, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1808, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Woodson being excused.

At 12:45 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 2317, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2094, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2524, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2352, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1842, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1527, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1580, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1682, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1980, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1595, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1664, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2342, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2804, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2311, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2513, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1604, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2470, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2581, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2298, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2802, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2692, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1602, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1660, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2652, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2653, HD 1
 H.B. No. 2664, HD 1
 H.B. No. 1808, HD 1

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 18 through 30) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 28 through 41) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 18, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY," was jointly offered by Representatives Martinez, Amato, Perruso, and Poepoe.

H.R. No. 19, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON DISALLOWING THE DIVIDENDS PAID DEDUCTION FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS," was offered by Representative Evslin.

H.R. No. 20, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN HALEIWA TO MATCH POLICE PRESENCE IN WAIKIKI," was offered by Representative Quinlan.

H.R. No. 21, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY THE SCOPE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING NATIVE HAWAIIAN DISPARITIES," was offered by Representative Holt.

H.R. No. 22, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND PERTINENT STATE AGENCIES TO COMMIT TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES," was offered by Representative Holt.

H.R. No. 23, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING DISINFORMATION AND DIGITAL HATE SPEECH AS THREATS TO DEMOCRACY AND URGING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THESE THREATS," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Perruso, Poepoe, and Tam.

H.R. No. 24, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON SCOPE ONE, TWO, AND THREE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, and Perruso.

H.R. No. 25, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROMPTLY REINSTATE FUNDING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST TO SUPPORT ITS LIFE-SAVING AND CRITICAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, Perruso, and Poepoe.

H.R. No. 26, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPAND BLUE CARBON INITIATIVES IN THE STATE," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, and Perruso.

H.R. No. 27, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A POLICY RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO GUIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Perruso, and Poepoe.

H.R. No. 28, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ARTS AND CULTURAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Garrett, Hussey-Burdick, Kahaloa, Marten, Perruso, Poepoe, and Tam.

H.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A POLICY RELATING TO THE USE OF PREFERRED NAMES FOR STUDENTS," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, and Perruso.

H.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING PUBLIC-SCHOOL CLASS SIZES," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, Matayoshi, and Poepoe.

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H.C.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM," was offered by Representative Nishimoto.

H.C.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON DISALLOWING THE DIVIDENDS PAID DEDUCTION FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS," was offered by Representative Evslin.

H.C.R. No. 31, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN HALEIWA TO MATCH POLICE PRESENCE IN WAIKIKI," was offered by Representative Quinlan.

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H.C.R. No. 34, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING DISINFORMATION AND DIGITAL HATE SPEECH AS THREATS TO DEMOCRACY AND URGING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THESE THREATS," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Perruso, Poepoe, and Tam.

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H.C.R. No. 41, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING PUBLIC-SCHOOL CLASS SIZES," was jointly offered by Representatives Kapela, Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Marten, Matayoshi, and Poepoe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, when we come back from recess on Thursday, the fellowship luncheon will be taking place. We have a guest speaker from Wahiawā named Frank Cuzzo. And I think an invitation has been sent out to everyone today. So, if you want to reserve your lunch, please do so. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:45 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon Thursday, March 7, 2024. (Representatives Cochran and Woodson were excused.)