

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, and Nakashima, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Matayoshi introduced schools in attendance for Take Down Tobacco Day: Acton Digital Academy, Farrington High School, Hawai'i Pacific University, Highlands Intermediate School, Honoka'a High and Intermediate School, Kapa'a High School, Kaua'i High School, King Kekaulike High School, Kohala High School, Lahainaluna High School, Moanalua High School, Pa'auilo Elementary and Intermediate, Pearl City High School, Punahou School, Roosevelt High School, Seabury Hall, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Waiākea High School, and Waiākea Intermediate School.

Representative Tarnas introduced former Representative Eric Hamakawa and former Senator Avery Chumbley.

Representative Garrett introduced his intern, Jordan Halagao.

Representative Perruso introduced Hawai'i Pacific University Environmental Policy class: Dr. Regina Ostergaard-Klem, Caleb Atha, Olivia Cropper, Sarah Duell, Jade Fujii, Allison Grosche, Kyle Harazin, Madison Howe, Valeria Meany Rucks, Melany Minera De Paz, Madeleine Murphy, Lizzie Nuttall, Sage Pecor, Elise Rogalski, Miguelangel Sanchez, Selma Sandsten, Terrence Todd, and Jude Washkowitz.

Representative Nakamura introduced students from Kapa'a High School: Jasmine Fanechigi, Talia Farrington, and Teddy Sullivan; from Kaua'i High School: Angela Querubin; and Valerie Saiki.

At 12:07 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we'll be taking things out of order."

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1204-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2240, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2240, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2240, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Kong voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

At 12:15 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1205-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2520, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2520, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1206-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2927, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2927, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2927, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MAKE THE SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS MORE UNIFORM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 220) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 220, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2023 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FOR HAWAII, 2023 STATE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR HAWAII, 2023 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDEE, 2023 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, 2023 STATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR HAWAII, 2023 OUTSTANDING LIBRARY SERVICE AWARDEE, 2023 GOLDEN KEY AWARDEE, 2023 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE AWARDEE, AND 2023 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 220 be adopted, seconded by Representative Hashem.

Representative Hashem honored outstanding school administrators, faculty members, and librarians who are unwavering in their efforts to ensure that our youth are well-equipped for success in school and in life; commended Mr. Miyasato on being pivotal in fostering a learning environment based on trust, cultural competency, and community, building

a safe and inclusive school environment; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Glen Miyasato, Principal, Mayor Joseph J. Fern Elementary, 2023 Hawai'i National Distinguished Principal.

Representative Kapela highlighted how Ms. Beck has overcome many challenges to build a strong educational institution, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration among students, families, faculty, and the broader community; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Sharon Beck, Principal, Ka'ū High School and Pāhala Elementary School, 2023 State Principal of the Year and 2023 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award recipient.

Representative Garrett acknowledged the achievements of Dr. Davis and her continuous advocacy for innovative teaching and efforts in cultivating an empowering culture for educators and students alike, fostering 21st century, student-centered instruction promoting the practice of integrative teaching; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Brandon Lee, Vice Principal, representing Dr. Bebi Davis, Vice Principal, Prince David Kawānanakoa Middle School, 2023 National Association of Elementary School Principals National Outstanding Assistant Principal and the 2023 Hawai'i Association of Secondary School Administrators Assistant Principal of the Year.

Representative La Chica thanked Mr. Toyooka for his dedication, passion, and collaboration, promoting workforce readiness amongst the students; shared how his innovative ideas and practical solutions underscore his dedication to educational excellence and library service advocacy; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Grant Toyooka, District Resource Teacher, Leilehua Complex Area, 2023 Outstanding Library Service Award recipient.

Representative Ichiyama recognized Ms. Goff as a respected speaker and innovator who demonstrates her adaptability and dedication to information accessibility for students; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Nicole Goff, Librarian, Mid-Pacific Institute, Hawai'i Association of School Librarians 2023 Golden Key Award recipient.

Representative Aiu honored Ms. Sproule for her versatility and dedication to the development of her students; commended her innovativeness and creativity; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Ritela "Sheila" Sproule, Special Education Teacher, Red Hill Elementary School, Milken Educators 2023 State of Hawai'i Teacher of Promise Award recipient.

Representative Hussey-Burdick commended our top performing schools that have successfully closed achievement gaps and continue to perform with a high level of success; recognized the exemplary work of all administrators, teachers, librarians, faculty, and staff at the schools that have put in countless hours to ensure a high-quality academic experience for their students; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Cherilyn Inouye, Principal, Ka'elepulu Elementary School, National Blue Ribbon School; and

Kau'i Tanaka, Principal, Maunawili Elementary School, National Blue Ribbon School.

Representative Hussey-Burdick also recognized additional honorees and supporters of the honorees who were seated in the gallery:

Jenny Yamamoto, Hawai'i Association of School Librarians 2023 Golden Key Award recipient, who was unable to attend;
Ritela Sproule: Rosalyn Sproule, Aldridge Sproule, Dale Sproule, and Wendy Lum;

Cherilyn Inouye: Daniel Diffenderfer, Emma Diffenderfer, Lili Diffenderfer, Roy Inouye, Emy Inouye, Louise Iwaishi, Rikio Iwaishi, Rianna Iwaishi, and David Lunceford Jr. ;
Kau'i Tanaka: Michael Tanaka and Rosemary Nishi;
Nicole Goff: Jerry Goff; and
Grant Toyooka: Marisa Toyooka, Eddison Toyooka, Harrison Toyooka, and Grayson Toyooka.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 220 was adopted, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

At 12:30 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1207-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2687, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2687, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2687, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1208-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2983, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2983, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1209-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3008, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3008, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record 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 S.B. No. 3008, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY AUTHORIZE THE COUNTIES TO ISSUE TAX INCREMENT BONDS

AND TO EXCLUDE TAX INCREMENT BONDS FROM DETERMINATIONS OF THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE COUNTIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1210-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2526, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2526, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1211-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1212-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2817, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2817, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2817, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1213-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2527, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2527, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1214-24) recommending

that S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKAHIKI COMMEMORATION DAY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1215-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3122, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3122, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDING ORDERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1216-24) recommending that S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1217-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2133, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2133, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1218-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3120, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3120, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"With reservations, noting the opposition of HGEA."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3120, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1219-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2337, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2337, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1220-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3121, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3121, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1221-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2308, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2308, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPEEDING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1222-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2450, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2450, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1223-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1224-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2747, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2747, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2747, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIRCRAFT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1225-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2943, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2943, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representatives Perruso and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1226-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2782, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2782, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2782, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1227-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2156, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2156, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1228-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2842,

SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2842, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1229-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3153, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3153, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DAM AND APPURTENANCE IMPROVEMENT OR REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1230-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3154, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3154, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGULATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1231-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1232-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2834, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2834, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1233-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2170, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2170, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMBAT SPORTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1234-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3083, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3083, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1235-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3220, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3220, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1236-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2245, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2245, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote, brief comment. Mr. Speaker, part of our job of being legislators or the purpose of legislation is to design what kind of a society we want. And I think a no vote on this says, we want a society where parents have preeminence in the decisions for their children, not big government. And I think this goes in that direction. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2245, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Quinlan, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1237-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record 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. This bill would allow the counties to basically phase out or create rules against short-term rentals. Short-term rentals are a part of our economy. If families want to acquire additional rooms or additional houses that they can rent out, that's a source of income for those families. So, with hopes that we can sustain and support our economy, and support families who that is their revenue source, I'm voting no."

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

"In strong support, Mr. Speaker. This bill is not just a statutory imperative, it is a moral imperative. We had a lot of testimony in the committees on Housing and Tourism the other day on this measure. And I heard from a lot of second homeowners, and third homeowners, and fourth homeowners about how we're interfering with them running their small businesses. Mr. Speaker, we're talking about the housing inventory of the entire state. And if we start looking at our housing inventory as just another opportunity to make money, we are all losing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. This bill is really important on O'ahu, where the county has tried to reign in the vacation rental industry that has eaten up so much of our housing supply. And they have been unable to do so because of HRS language. So, this will free them to manage their housing stock as they see fit, best fit. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A no vote, but with amendments, but that's my reservations. Because I know I can't say no with reservations. The first is which, this is more of a county Maui-specific bill. We know that there are so many that were second and third homes, like our colleague from the North Shore just mentioned. Clearly, this should be where it's Maui related."

"And secondly, for the sake, and this is the moral issue behind it, not just economics, but we have owner-occupants. I would love to see this thing exclusively for owner-occupants, who are the *kūpuna*, who are the one, if you remember, I did an amendment on the floor saying, hey, let's let these people live with a bit of money as they live in the house that they're renting out, and it's a room in the house. It's the only fair thing to do. It's not a second or third home, and those are the ones who should be eliminated and not take advantage of this. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I think it's Maui-centric, and it should be owner-occupant-centric. Thank you."

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

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

"In support. I just want to clarify that this bill is not just Maui-centric. On the island of Kaua'i, one in eight homes is a vacation rental. And on the island of Kaua'i, similar to Maui, we are losing housing stock every year due to the proliferation of vacation rentals. And when we have on these islands growing populations and dwindling housing stock every year, that's a recipe for rapidly skyrocketing housing prices. And the counties currently have no capacity to walk that back. So again, all this is doing is removing the barrier within state law for the counties to act on this, if they choose, and in the form that they choose. So, I think this is a necessary bill. Thank you."

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

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

"In strong support, and I'd like to enter the words of my college from the North Shore into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I'd like the words of both the Housing chair and the chair of Tourism inserted into the Journal as if they were my own. I'd just also like to say that, the dream of owning a home here

in the State of Hawai'i, if you were born and raised here, has become nothing more than a dream. And until we can actually get ahold of this market and that and the fact that most homes are being rented on vacation rental platforms, it's always only going to be a dream. And I'd like to see that become a reality for Hawai'i's people. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Chair. And in super, super duper strong support of this bill. And I appreciate that it is, for me personally, Maui-centric. As a council member, I was dead set against STRs, TVRs, because I am strong believer that there's a purpose for hotel zoning, for resort zoning. And these short-term rentals and vacation rentals were never intended to be within residential communities. It has changed our entire lifestyle and environment. So, I thank you for pursuing this. And this has been a long time coming, and it should have been done years ago."

"Bread and breakfasts are something that I finally could swallow because yes, the owner is on site. So, when you had issues, they're there to take care of it. Versus, I saw swaths of corporations as LLCs buy up entire streets and turn all those residential homes into rentals, vacation rentals. So, thank you for this on the floor today. Strong support. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kong, Pierick, Souza, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1238-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2537, SD 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2537, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1239-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3103, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 3103, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative La Chica: "For the third day of public education week, on the fourth floor this afternoon, we will be having our HawaiiKidsCAN Student Career Pathway Expo. So, members, please join us, on behalf of your chair of the House Committee on Education, as well as the Senate Committee on Education, to learn about the various ways that we prepare our kids for a future here in Hawai'i and to be workforce ready in our state. *Mahalo.*"

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:49 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, March 21, 2024. (Representatives Holt, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Lowen, and Nakashima were excused.)