

SIXTIETH DAY

Friday, May 3, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:10 a.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The *oli* was delivered by Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, followed by the invocation delivered by Representative Greggor Ilagan, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with the exception of Representative Pierick, who was excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1110) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1110, informing the House that on May 2, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 582, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BUDGET." (ACT 010)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 797 and 798) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 797, dated May 1, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its previous action on the following bill, and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1911, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 798, dated May 1, 2024, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 982, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1148, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1533, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1633, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1640, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1686, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1760, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1763, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1801, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1827, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1830, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1832, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1836, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1902, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1916, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1925, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1932, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1944, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1953, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2020, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2042, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2058, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2070, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2074, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2090, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2107, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2192, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 2278, HD 2, SD 3, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 795, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1035, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1099, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
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INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Tarnas introduced Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald; and the Chief Justice's staff: Brandon Kimura and Daylin-Rose Heather.

Representative Kitagawa introduced her staff: Wendy Okazaki, Lisa Imamura, and Kalai Castro; her children: Maia-Joy and Noah; and Kalai's parents: Gary and Jocelyn Ojiri.

Representative Kila introduced his staff: Christine Watanabe, Dorene Eddy, Leslie Gohier, and Kristofer Sniffen.

Representative Tam introduced his staff: Flora Samis, Caroline Cau, Alan Cota, and Irene Lorenzo.

Representative Takayama introduced Lorna and David Strand from 'Aiea.

Representative Nishimoto introduced Senator Karl Rhoads.

Representative Amato introduced her staff: Joe Ritter and Sophia Cowan.

Representative Belatti introduced HMSO staff: Mahealani Daniels, Zoe Stenger, Aaron Supple, Anne Mo, and Casey Hines.

Representative Sayama introduced his staff: Ashley Yoshikawa, Timothy Kimo Barrus, Kai Okazaki, and Evelyn Hee.

Representative Evslyn introduced his staff: Luke Sullivan, Mary Sipalay, Marie Sonson, and Malie Adams.

Representative Souza introduced her borthor, Keoni Souza, OHA Trustee At-Large; and his staff: Richelle Kim and Morgan Kauai Robello.

Representative Garcia introduced Kapolei and 'Ewa Beach residents and members of the neighborhood security watch: Iwalani Laybon-McBrayer, Kaup'e'a Homestead NSW; Loke Neitzel, Ruth Kepo'o, and Jodi Akau, Kānehili Homestead NSW; Bronco Woodland, Azjeur Woodland, and Haunani Woodland, 'Ewa Beach NSW; and his staff: John Hawelu IV, Hunter James Harris, Maysana Aldeguer, and Rocklin Danielle Youngstrom.

Representative Ganaden introduced his staff: Kellie Dinwiddie Kala, Lilliana Sarju, and Kimberly Imamura; and Kalihi resident, Angela Melody Young.

Representative Aiu introduced his staff, Davis "Kaimi" Haas.

Representative La Chica introduced her staff: Erin Conway and Erika Anderson; Marc Alexander, Hawai'i Medical Association; Maria Rallojay, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; and Bob Toyofuku.

Representative Todd introduced Derek Turbin, lawyer and advocate.

Representative Matayoshi introduced his staff: Fahina Lauti, Gigi Banales, and Kiona Domingo.

Representative Onishi introduced his Hilo High School classmate, Gary Ojiri, and his wife Jocelyn Ojiri.

Representative Perruso introduced her staff: Yvonne Yoro, Isis Usborne, Alexandra Malo, Diego Carranza, and Darien Van Winkle.

Representative Lamosao introduced her husband, Justin Cadiz; her son, CJ; her staff: Mason Sadiarin and Slade Cullen; Representative Aiu's staff, Joy Nakashima; and her friend, Kevan Wong.

Representative Ward introduced Pastor Michele Okimura; and his staff: Jillian Anderson and Collin Ford.

Representative Matsumoto introduced HMIR staff: Raeceen Satele, Ashley Kim, Angela Pangan, Cailey Filipino, John Hawelu IV, Maya Sweeny,

Thomas Kunz, Pete Claproth, Kyle Mina, and Sophia Garrido; her staff: Sharon Claproth, Sanjuana Soriano, Aiden Waldrep, Sierra Lynn, Meghan Dougherty, and Morgan-Star England; and her neighbor's brother, Gary Lee.

Representative Hashem introduced his staff: Kathy Kato, Jane Taylor, and Zachary Ritner.

Representative Nakamura introduced her staff: Ben Viernes, Philippe Roque, Kyra "Kala" Kahapea-Aquino, and Tessa Kelly.

Representative Ilagan introduced House Communications staff: Breeann Joaquin, Calvin Bagaosian, and Cathy Lee; his family: his aunt, Faith; his mother, Joy Preciado Mentnech; his sister, Jeanine Mentnech; and his father, Mike Mentnech; his staff: Krista Aoki, Nicky Watts, Ariel Hall, and Kari Sochor; Keola Callo, Krista's finance; JB, Ariel's boyfriend; and Representative Belatti's staff, Many Tam.

Representative Kong introduced his staff: Keone Hurdle and Yehenara Soukop.

Speaker Saiki introduced Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke and Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair would like to do a particular shout out to the Senate President. It's a tough job serving in that role. And I want to just let everybody know that he has worked so hard this session to facilitate the work of not just the Senate, but also of the House. And as a result of that, we have, in my opinion, one of the most historic legislative sessions in our state. And I'd just like to thank him for all of his work, all of his patience, and his commitment to this work at the Legislature."

President Kouchi then stated:

"So, I am here with some of my leadership team and half of our minority caucus to also extend my congratulations for what is an amazing session and the collaboration between both of our chambers on a session that started out with really concern about the kind of cuts we were going to have to make to help Maui. And you all did an incredible job to make sure that everyone in Hawai'i was helped. The Speaker may say how hard my job is, but listening to your introductions, his job is twice as hard as mine, because you guys take way longer than we do in the Senate.

"And I'm here to inform you, as of 11:10 a.m., we adjourned on the Senate side. One year, in a miscommunication, it was thought that somebody felt slighted. I have told my members who have lunch appointments to take care of their staff and thank them, to please attend to their staff, that we would come and congratulate the House, know that you have our admiration and respect, but since we now adjourn on Friday, we have neighbor island members who are going to be heading home. So, good luck as you finish the rest of your agenda. And Speaker, thank you for the hard work and collaboration."

At 11:40 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Please note that House Bill 1896 is deferred one legislative day."

H.B. No. 1896, HD 2, SD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Pierick being excused.

S.B. No. 63, SD 2, HD 3, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 63, SD 2, HD 3, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Pierick being excused.

At 12:09 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2

S.B. No. 63, SD 2, HD 3, CD 2

H.B. No. 40, SD 1, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 40, SD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Pierick being excused.

At 12:10 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 40, SD 1, CD 2

S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a WR on this one, Mr. Speaker. And so, this is in direct relation to the last bill that I spoke and voted a WR on. And this one is the Section 1, the first sentence that I take extreme issue on and I don't believe it's accurate. And I believe that it's changing the narrative of what truly occurred in Lahaina and the direct cause. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support with some scruples. I think this is a good bill. It has \$459 million as an appropriation, which I think is needed. But, Mr. Speaker, what I have is I have a cloudiness as to whether we're doing our due diligence for Maui. I know when we started out this session, you said, we're going to be Maui centric, we're going to give Maui everything they have. But when I add up all the figures and we're at about \$1 billion-plus, I'm not sure that's going to measure up to what is needed. And I don't know if there's some things that haven't been considered or they've considered them and they lowball them because they knew that things were tight. There's an anemic economy ahead of us. But I do know, as I stood here in the Iniki 1992 appropriations for Kaua'i, we give them billions, not just as this. And I know there's another part of the budget that is joined to this.

"And the second thing, and I mentioned this before, because after 9/11, you've got to have somebody like a Rudy Giuliani saying, you do this, you do that, don't do this, you do this, and you coordinate it. I have not seen that synchronization of leadership, of concurrence and what to do when and how, and obviously this is the how much. And maybe because of that confusion on the leadership issue, maybe the monies are going to shift.

"So, my point of saying this, Mr. Speaker, we should be prepared not only for adjustments that may be coming and maybe a special session should be called, but we should also be prepared when we do finally find out the origin and the cause of this fire, that we build stuff in the budget to make sure there's a lesson learned and we, in effect, don't repeat what happened in this

session. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, it's a good bill, but I think it's a little bit pecuniary. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. I think that this measure shows the incredible leadership, coordination, thoughtfulness, and hard work by both the House, the Senate, the administration, and the County of Maui. And it is a forward-looking bill. And I am also in deep appreciation that this bill contains part of the recommendations of the bipartisan wildfire working groups that we put together this past session. It includes a significant historic appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to maintain the 25% of our state's total lands that the state is responsible for overseeing. And I think that's a significant investment. And I'm in strong support. Thank you."

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

"Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In support. May I adopt the words of the Water & Land chair as if they were my own. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, this is a very, very challenging year. And this bill, along with the budget and 582, encompasses about \$1 billion for Maui and to deal with the wildfire currently and going forward. As we know, there's still a lot of work going forward. And we will continue to meet with the county and with others and with HUD. And there are other federal funds that we can go after, and our work will continue in that area. So, in support. This is just one part, Mr. Speaker. And may I insert additional comments into the Journal. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, this bill would not be possible without the work of the Wildfire Working Group convened by you during the 2023 interim, and the input of several House committee chairs, and members of the Finance Committee.

"It is the culmination of countless hours of information gathering and consideration. The Finance Committee also visited Lahaina in the aftermath of the wildfires and was able to witness firsthand the heroic recovery efforts of state and federal personnels as well as the communities affected.

"Much collaboration, cooperation, and work remain in the years ahead. Hurricane Dora on August 8, 2023 was an element that created the conditions resulting in one of the worst natural disasters in the state's history. We may not be able to control nature, but funding in this bill will provide support to prevention and mitigation programs we can control and make our communities safer.

"SB 3068, the emergency appropriations in SB 582, CIP items in HB 1800, and money already diverted by the governor, the total being set aside for wildfire purposes is: \$1,119,066,799.

"Wildfire totals in SB3068: \$459,911,480

- General Funds \$221,189,453
- Other funds: \$202,421,473
- Federal funds \$36,300,554

"Details:

- \$200 million from the risk management revolving fund that will support various reconstruction efforts in Lahaina
- \$186 million to B&F as a set aside for disaster recovery costs
- \$62,500 for a Lahaina temporary library
- \$26 million and 6 positions for HMS emergency management purposes
- \$521,473 for DOCARE wildfire recovery efforts
- \$424,344 for 6 positions at HIEMA for emergency support functions and wildfire recovery efforts
- \$1.9 million for PUC consultant contracts for utility dockets
- \$23 million in federal grants for wildfire response, recovery, prevention, and equipment at LNR and HHL
- \$7.4 million for wildfire response, rehabilitation, and fuel reduction
- 22 LNR FTE \$1,412,928

- \$11.4 million and 22 positions at LNR for fire and emergency response equipment and personnel
- \$2.3 million at UH for a registry and multiethnic cohort study on health effects

"Provisos:

- \$400,000 for Commission on Water Resource Management to pursue and match federal money for Chapter 180, HRS, activities in areas affected by Hurricane Dora. This would include extramural funding for stormwater management for drought resiliency and reducing wildfire risk.
- \$194,000 for the Civil Air Patrol to support civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may include search and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and the transportation of supplies
- Maui County to reimburse the state for any interest on GOR bonds issued for projects; FEMA reimbursements, if any, to be dedicated to principal payments of GOR

"Guardrails and Reports

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, we have much work to do in the years ahead. In order to assist future efforts, this bill requires robust reporting requirements of Budget and Finance and any agency spending money on recovery efforts. We will continue to monitor the expenditure of public funds and assure that progress is made in supporting survivors."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. May I adopt the words of the co-chair of Wildfire Prevention Working Group as if they were my own. And I'd like to add that, upon the additional funding that we've appropriated, the recommendations from the five other bipartisan wildfire working groups, they have made their recommendations as well in SB 3068. And I'd like to thank the collaboration efforts by the House minority and majority members for this measure," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. I'd also like to adopt the words of the co-chairs as if they were my own. Brief comment. Many people who were affected by the fires, who are survivors, whose family members perished in the fires, they brought their grief to the wildfire working group and to this legislature. We hope that this bill plays a small part in answering the call that Maui gave to the state. We hope that we can not only show through our thoughts and prayers, but through our pocketbooks that we are continuing to invest in Maui and towards the perpetuation of the healing of that community for the betterment of the state," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I want to thank the Finance chair and the members of the committee who endeavored to put in \$2.3 million into this bill for a very forward-looking public health measure of creating a multi-ethnic cohort study and maintaining a registry of those affected by wildfires. This really important public health piece was designed seeing the experience of 9/11 and other wildfires, where public health agencies really wanted to have this kind of longitudinal study being done for victims impacted by disasters. Hawai'i is taking a first step in being a leader in post-disaster health management through this very measure. So, for that reason, I support this bill. I'd also like to have the words of the chair of Water & Land adopted as if they were my own. Thank you, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Cochran rose to respond, stating:

"Second and final. I just wanted to add in if I can insert more comments into the Journal. But I just want to reiterate that the sentence about the Legislature finds that devastating wildfires are brought on by winds. There were high wind warnings across the county three days prior, and yet the utility company did not do any type of actions to address it, the county also. And so, there had to be some type of ignition of some type of fire or whatever to be fueled by that wind. So, it wasn't technically the wind that had caused it. And again, I want to reiterate, there's no such report, as of my speaking today, of the actual origin of that fire. So again, I do not agree with the first sentence in Section 1 of SB 3068. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"My disagreement with this bill is basically the first sentence in the Section 1 which states, 'The Legislature finds that the devastating wildfires brought on by winds from Hurricane Dora....'"

"This statement is false and inaccurate. There is no official report on what the true cause of the fire is as I write these remarks.

"How dare the State Legislature claim to determine what the cause of the fire was."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Pierick and Quinlan being excused.

At 12:18 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2

H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recuse myself from voting on this measure. I would like to request that I be recused. I was a staff member during the period of time that's being considered in this measure. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Lamosao, stating:

"Yes, you are recused from this vote."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd also like to request recusal from voting on this bill. I was also a staff member in the Legislature during this time."

The Chair addressed Representative Takenouchi, stating:

"You're also recused."

Representative Hussey-Burdick rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Same request."

The Chair addressed Representative Hussey-Burdick, stating:

"Also recused."

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

"Same request."

The Chair addressed Representative M. Mizuno, stating:

"You're also recused."

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

"Same request."

The Chair addressed Representative Garcia, stating:

"You're also recused."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes, with Representatives Garcia, Hussey-Burdick, Lamosao, M. Mizuno, Pierick, and Takenouchi being excused.

At 12:20 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2

FINAL READING

Representative Nakamura moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representative Pierick was excused.)

H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, (SD 2)

H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, (SD 2)

H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Pierick being excused.

H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, SD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, brief remarks. Mr. Speaker, it's entirely fitting that this bill is the last bill that we're voting on. Mental health, homelessness, substance abuse has been on our minds for a long time and has been a priority to be addressed by this legislature. I want to thank the members of the Attorney General's Office, the members of the Judiciary, the Office of the Public Defender, the Governor's senior advisor for mental health and the justice system, the Governor's coordinator on homelessness, and even community homeless service providers like the Institute for Human Services who have worked on this bill. In addition to the many community partners that have worked on this, I'd like to thank the senator from Chinatown, as well as our Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs chair, as well as the vice chair of the Health & Homelessness Committee, who really worked to push this bill forward.

"Mr. Speaker, this bill is so critical because undoubtedly, as we leave these halls, we are going to be accused of not being tough enough on crime. Mr. Speaker, your House believes that we can't just be tough on crime, we have to be smart on crime. And that's what this bill precisely does. It addresses issues like mental health, substance abuse, the assisted community treatment order. Mr. Speaker, how do we know this measure will work? We've learned in April 2024 that the Safe and Sound Waikiki program is seeing major reductions in crime. This program is based upon things like the dispensing of court required medication to 14 mentally ill people through the Assisted Community Treatment program, the placement of 4 people into stabilization or respite centers, and the connecting of outreach workers to more than 180 people.

"This measure, which strengthens the Assisted Community Treatment programs, which, in the words of Christopher Thomas, an attorney who worked with IHS, explained that the involvement of the attorney general in the petitioning for ACT orders is a natural handoff of hospitalized patients to the benefits of ACT street medicine that we see working on the streets of Waikiki. It cannot just be limited to the tourist areas. It needs to go statewide.

It needs to go into the communities of McCully, Mō'ili'ili, Makiki, Pearl City, Wai'anae, Nānākuli. These are the reforms that are going to make a difference. These are the reforms that get people from the criminal justice system into mental health and substance abuse treatment. We have IHS testifying that these are the kinds of measures that work.

"So, Mr. Speaker, in strong support. And I acknowledged the concerns of individuals and our community partners like the ACLU. But this is the measure that will work.

"I will leave you with one story, Mr. Speaker, of why I support this bill. A mentor of mine in San Francisco told me a story about a homeless person clearly needing help on the streets of San Francisco. Being told, you can sign up for these services on one hand, but advocates talking to him on the other hand and saying, you don't have to take these services, you have civil rights. Mr. Speaker, three days later, that homeless individual was dead on the streets. We cannot have that happening. We need to create a system that diverts people to mental health, substance abuse treatment, and services. And it is the reforms in House Bill 2159, Senate Draft 2 that will do this precisely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I would just like to have the words of the representative from Makiki and the chair of Health & Homelessness into the Journal as if they on my own. I would also like to mention, as the representative of Waikīkī, I've seen this implemented in our district, and it has been proven to help our community. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support with reservations, Mr. Speaker. This bill is the work of many years, many individuals across advocacy groups, the groups that do mental health treatment, members of the justice community to finally move towards smart justice. Unfortunately, it has something of a fatal flaw. In Section 2 of the bill, it removes the appointment of the Office of the Public Defender to individuals who are facing commitment.

"Mr. Speaker, commitment is the equivalent under law as incarceration. And these individuals, if they are indigent, they qualify for an attorney if they cannot pay for one.

"I think that this can be cured. I think that if the Judiciary were to appoint attorneys, which is what they are capable of doing under the act, and if they want to do so *sua sponte*, then we can avoid a constitutional violation. I also know that members of this body and our Judiciary are working to create a better appointment system, so that we can avoid that fate. Again, in support with reservations."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support and a brief comment. Mr. Speaker, we're finally helping those who cannot help themselves. This is a group of helpless individuals which finally says, for your own good, we're going to give you hospitalization. They call it involuntary because many of them wouldn't realize what voluntary or involuntary is. We're finally giving them a reach.

"This homelessness has been a social mutation for the last couple of decades. I think this is a great experiment to see what can happen from it. But it's going to save lives because we know the average life of the homeless person is 55 years, because of their lifestyle that takes off 15 to 20 years of their life. So, this is a compassionate bill.

"And I would say, lastly, beware of the ACLU. Because even though we're helping people who are helpless and cannot help themselves, they're going to make sure that they whisper, as my colleague said, into their ear, hey, you don't have to do this, you have rights. But by saying that compassionately, we're killing individuals. So, Mr. Speaker, this is a breakthrough and I hope it works very well. Thank you."

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting no, and with Representative Pierick being excused.

At 12:28 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, SD 2

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 226 and 227) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 226, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE SPEAKER TO PERFORM AND CARRY OUT ANY OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE 2024 AND 2025 REGULAR SESSIONS," was jointly offered by Representatives Nakamura and Matsumoto.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 226 was adopted, with Representative Pierick being excused.

H.R. No. 227, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Ilagan.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 227 was adopted, with Representative Pierick being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Morikawa: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For all of those who have birthdays after today, happy pre-birthday. I'd also like to wish my dear friend from Hilo, his milestone birthday today, let's give him a hand. Happy Birthday."

Representative Lamosao: "I'd just like to remind the members and everyone in the gallery that tomorrow is our Filipino Fiesta at the FilCom Center, so come to District 36 tomorrow. Thank you."

Representative M. Mizuno: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before we end our session, I would like to announce that my office did three fundraisers for Hawai'i Food Bank. The Massage Day at the Capitol, the lumpia day, and the floats. For Massage Day, we made \$706. For the lumpia yesterday, thank you everyone for purchasing, we made \$610. And for the floats, we made \$758, for a total of \$2,073. Thank you very much, everyone, and thank you to my hardworking staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, as you know, we have three members who will be leaving the House. Together, they represent 46 years of service in this body, and we wanted to take an opportunity to recognize them this morning."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Gates, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Nakamura and Quinlan on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Gates: "Aloha and good afternoon, everyone. Aloha. All the emotions of my final floor speech in the House are sinking in. When I got in at the age of 23, I was full of energy and hope. Look at me now, age

30. I may be a little less hopeful, but I still have the energy to run away from this place while I still can. Mr. Speaker, I have kept the promise to myself, which was to serve with an open mind and an open heart. And that has led me to doing some really amazing things for my community through the legislative process. Eight years in the House has come and went, I guess it's true that time flies when you're doing what you love.

"Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the support of my friends and family and colleagues. In the gallery is the love of my life, my rock, my fiancée, Leilani. In two weeks, I'm blessed to be able to call you my wife. And I appreciate you for always having my back and loving me unconditionally. *Mahalo* to my family, my parents Bill and Easter, who are in heaven, by siblings Ben, Bill, and Emerald, who are also in the gallery with my nieces, Empress and Easter, please stand. Love you.

"*Mahalo* to my tireless staff, Cross Crabbe and Lacey Kon, please stand. Oh, Chris Shellko as well. My staff has really allowed me to do what I needed to do to serve my community. Without their support, none of the things I do would be possible, so I greatly appreciate them from the bottom of my heart. Most importantly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give the biggest *mahalo* to my community of 96792 for sending me here to this big square building to represent their values and their *'ohana*. I hope I have made my District 45 proud and have left a path behind for our next generation of leaders to follow.

"With the support of my colleagues, all of you on the floor with me today, I've been able to secure hundreds of millions of dollars to go towards improving the Wai'anae Coast community. A community that has felt neglected by state government, by county government, by government in general. And with the largest population of Native Hawaiians. And it just feels so good to be able to go back to them, to let them know all the great work we've been able to accomplish through this legislative process.

"Each year, Mr. Speaker, we also pass legislation to improve the quality of life of not just my district, but the State of Hawai'i. Most importantly, we stay true to the values and principles that brought us to the building of doing what's right and bringing our people together to find solutions.

"Some of the people that I really looked up to while serving here is my brother to the left, Nishimoto. He has really been a great role model and showed us how to be a samurai. Saiki, Speaker, you empowered young members like me to create change, and allowed me to be an example of what's possible for our young leaders. By allowing me to be a chair for four years, you have really allowed me to create change through working as a subject matter expert on these issues.

"Nadine, our mama bear. You got elected with me and really have given us a foundation of stability. And your wise words always have kept us on the straight path, so *mahalo* for that. Sean, Daniel, Chris, my guys. Young lions forever. You all allowed me to soar like eagles when you weren't acting like turkeys. Kyle, *mahalo* for your help of getting my community the resources we need desperately and have taken care of our community through so many ways. And our community of Wai'anae appreciates you from the bottom of our hearts.

"The honorable mentions, my west side legislator, Representative Kila. I'm glad to be able to call you a friend and to have someone who can relate to our two-hour commutes to the Capitol. My vice chair, Kirstin, you have been the best vice chair a chair could ask for. Through all your hard work, we've been able to do some things that haven't been done for 30 years for agriculture, so *mahalo* for your dedication to our communities and our agriculture industry. Woodson, I look forward to establishing our cross-chamber caucus for the Popolo Caucus, try caucus. Three G, our pickle master and the master of madness as our vice chair, *mahalo*.

"Tarnas, although we could live without your very detailed reviews in caucus, I appreciate you and *mahalo* you for all your hard work on the many bills this session. And of course, our favorite bill, legalizing cannabis. Dee, your cooking was food for our soul, going to miss those flying saucers. My brother Hashem, one of the unspoken heroes in my life. As someone who took a young person like me, excited to run for office, and really showed me the ropes and allowed me to do what was necessary to get here. *Mahalo* my brother.

"And I wish I had the time to say something kind about all 50 of you, but I see our Sergeant-at-Arms inching closer to take the mic away. But I'll end by saying *mahalo* for the memories. I'm blessed to have had a job that has allowed me to make my community a better place, and it has truly made me a better man. I love you all. *A hui hou*. Obama out."

Speaker Saiki: "Thank you, Representative Gates. So, Representative Gates, as you know, members, he wears his heart on his sleeve, he has an infectious laugh, and he leaves some landmark legislation during his time as Agriculture Committee chair. So, thank you, Representative Gates.

"Second member is Representative Bert Kobayashi. As members know, Representative Kobayashi is our member with the most institutional knowledge, institutional note taker, and our chief protocol officer."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Kobayashi, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Morikawa and Belatti on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Kobayashi: "Mr. Speaker and members of this honorable body, the one important thing I need to say is to thank you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you for putting up with me, for your kindness, your support, your help for many years. I know that you will carry on and do well in future years.

"I've tried to do my best to improve the people, the process, and the product of this body, and know that that is something that must be strived for year after year after year. Similarly, I would like to say to the citizens and voters of my district, that I appreciate years of support, trust, when I try to do my very best to represent you respectfully and honestly. I hope that this has been satisfactory for you, but I know that there is so much to do and so much that can be done better.

"We have the enviable job of trying to solve all the problems of the world without spending any money, and without making any friends, as though all of the problems of the world were a win-win. I hope that you are able to cope with the future problems, which seem to be getting larger in size, more global in scope, and more complex in intricacies. That will be your challenge, and I hope that you will be up to that challenge.

"Finally, in closing, I'd like to say again, thank you, thank you, thank you. You have been very supportive of me, and I wish that I could pay back in return. Thank you. Goodbye."

Speaker Saiki: "Thank you, Representative Kobayashi. Our third member is Representative Scott Nishimoto. So, we all know Representative Nishimoto as Buzz's dad, our GQ advisor, and one of the best CIP chairs in the history of the House."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Nishimoto, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Kitagawa and Nakashima on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Nishimoto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm looking at this certificate and I noticed you signed it with reservations. So, I see our lieutenant governor up there, and two years ago, when she gave her goodbye speech, it was so memorable. And she's only up there because she thinks I'm going to cry.

"Well, Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I want to thank my community for giving me the honor and privilege of representing them for the past 22 years. They elected a young 28-year-old who was six months out of law school. They took a chance on me, and I hope that they don't regret their choice. I've worked hard every day to try to fulfill the trust they put in me, and I'm grateful for the opportunity that they gave me.

"Next, I want to thank our support staff here at the Capitol. They really are the heart and soul of the Capitol. They keep things running, they make us look good, they make us look like we know what we're doing, and they are really great. Yesterday, I was giving a tour of the Capitol to Ala Wai Elementary School third graders. And they had a lot of questions about the light. And I told them, in my 22 years here, I've only seen it lit up a handful of times. So, whoever lit up that light today, thank you for making this extra special by, on my last day, illuminating the light.

"I want to thank my staff, both current and former staffers. A few are in the gallery here today, and if they could stand and be recognized. They are a large reason why I've had some success here at the Capitol. I've been very lucky to hire people that are substantially more talented than I am and work hard. They make me look good, and they care about this job as much as I do, and that's very hard to find sometimes. But I'm so grateful to have had them and have them.

"I want to *mahalo* all of you. I've always thought of you as family, both current and past legislators, both Democrat and Republican. I've always thought of you as family. I thank you for all the lessons that you've taught me, for your friendship and for your mentorship over the years. I truly mean that. The Capitol is just a building, but the people that are in it is what makes it special. And it really is the legislators that I've served with over the years that make it special.

"Three important people are here today, in my life. First, I want to introduce my parents, and if they could please stand to be recognized, they're up there, they're shy, but please stand to be recognized. They have been a huge part of my journey here. They are my biggest supporters. They're my biggest critics. But they are just an endless source of support for me. And we're kind of a typical Asian family, we don't express love verbally. We express it through deeds, and criticism sometimes. But I do want to say how much I love you. And I don't know how I got so lucky to have you, I'm truly blessed to have you in my life. And I just appreciate you more and more every day. So, thank you.

"And then, of course, to Debbie. We met my very first campaign. I was going door to door, and I knocked on her door. And she opened it and I thought she was the most beautiful person I've ever seen. And over the years, I've learned that she's even prettier on the inside. And I thank her for being my support, listening to my problems, and always being there for me when I need you. So, thank you, Debbie.

"My staff actually they wrote a speech for me, it's very good, I'm not going to use it. My apologies to them. But as I was sitting here through the short introduction period today, I had some thoughts. It reminded me of my first Opening Day. My grandparents were here, it was a special day for all of us. But my grandparents being here was super special. My mom is from Waiialua on the North Shore, my dad is from Kaka'ako and Kapahulu. So, I consider myself part country, part city. I know some of you will disagree with that. But my grandparents were here, they come from very different places. One country, one city. But the thing I thought about on my first Opening Day was how different the Hawai'i that they grew up in is the Hawai'i today.

"They, in their childhood, could never have imagined that anyone from their family, much less their grandson, would have been able to serve in the Legislature. It just was not something that was possible then. And through the hard work of the people who sat in these chairs before us, who had a vision for Hawai'i, they had a vision of a society with equality and access for everyone. These were leaders that were trying to create a better society. And through their hard work, it's the reason why I was able to serve here for the last 22 years. And I'm really grateful for that.

"But we have so much more work to do. Their vision has come a long way, but it's not been fulfilled yet. And I hope that, in the years to come, we will continue to try to achieve that vision. We're in a time of great change, but there's also great opportunities ahead. And I hope we're going to take that. Because the people that sat in our chairs before us, they had a vision for Hawai'i. And it's our job to fulfill that vision so that the next generation has the opportunities that we all had.

"Let me just end by saying this. Nobody knows what the future will hold. I hope I'm able to continue to serve in some capacity in the future. But I am certain of the fact that our state's ambitions, dreams, and hopes will be fulfilled by you folks in the future. So, I hope you'll take that with you. I hope you'll continue to work hard. And I thank you for the opportunities you've given me. Thank you."

Speaker Saiki: "Thank you, Representative Nishimoto. And again, thank you to our departing members for your 46 years of service to the House and to our state."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Caucus, I'm pleased to say that we accomplished what we set out to do at the start of the session. We focused on taking care of Maui wildfire victims and helping the County of Maui address a myriad of needs. Helping families recover, rebuilding homes and infrastructure, and providing supportive services will all contribute to healing over time.

"Last interim, we tried to figure out what we could do better as a state to prevent future wildfires. We funded wildlife mitigation programs, equipment, and staffing. We passed legislation to start up a state fire marshal office, map wildfire hazard areas statewide, and improve emergency responses. On top of the wildfire priority, we passed the largest package of tax relief, \$5 billion over the next six years. The doubling of the standard deduction and changes to the income tax brackets will provide tax relief to Hawai'i's residents beginning next year.

"While housing must be rebuilt in Lahaina and throughout Maui, we also approved additional funding statewide for homelessness programs, affordable rental housing, and teacher housing. We provided unprecedented funding for mental health services, including crisis intervention centers and youth counselors. Licensure changes for mental health professionals and mental health training will provide needed capacity to address current gaps in services. High school health care and Glidepath programs will create pathways to address the healthcare worker shortage. And changes to our own state hiring practices should help reduce the time required to fill positions in state and county government.

"I thank the authors of all of these bills for moving the majority package forward. I would like to thank our hard-working committee chairs and majority whips, representatives from Hilo, Kāne'ohe, Pearl City, and Wahiawā, for their assistance throughout the session. And of course, my staff, Ben, Phil, Kala, and Tessa, for all of their support to me and to the Majority Caucus throughout this session. At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, under your leadership, we have much to be proud of."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we wrap up the 2024 Legislative Session, I want to express my gratitude to those who've been instrumental in the journey thus far. First, I'd like to extend my appreciation to the members of the House Republican Caucus for their significant contributions this year. And as one of our members loves to say, we don't have the votes, but we have the voice. And we talked a lot this year, as we should.

"Thank you to my colleagues across the aisle. While our votes might not always align, our best work this session has been a result of bipartisan collaboration and input. And I also want to acknowledge the invaluable support of our House Minority Research Office. Through the highs and lows of this session, their unwavering commitment has been commendable. To the Republican staff, your spirit of collaboration, even in challenging times, epitomizes the essence of this institution. And your efforts have been crucial in effecting positive change for our districts and those across the state.

"To everyone in the Chief Clerk's Office, IT, Printshop, Public Access Room, LRB, Sergeant-at-Arms, our DAGS team, and all other dedicated staff, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your tireless efforts. You cannot be thanked enough. Your contributions have been indispensable to ensuring an effective legislative session.

"In my opening address, I outlined the priorities of our Republican Caucus, which included tackling the high cost of living and housing, fostering job growth, strengthening our communities, prioritizing public safety, and driving government reform, and of course, making sure Maui's recovery remains top priority. We worked collaboratively and rallied behind legislation that improves the lives of residents all across our state, from homeownership assistance, GET exemption for medical services, and the largest income tax cut in our state's history, these are all initiatives that our caucus has been advocating for for years, and we're so encouraged that we are taking steps in the right direction.

"We supported bills that address *kūpuna* care, the state's pressing homeless challenge, and working families that need childcare. We also funded programs that bolster early workforce development in high schools and colleges across the state, just to name a few. And while we have passed some legislation to support our state, we all know there is much more to be accomplished.

"As leaders, we know we don't have the answers to everything. And this year, our caucus did our first ever listening tour, where we heard constituent concerns firsthand to guide us in drafting our bills. We asked the question, and we paid attention to the feedback. And this is because listening in its highest form demands not only hearing words that are spoken, but attuning ourselves to all of the concerns that are expressed. And that means for those in our community, it doesn't matter what party you come from or what background you have, everybody's input makes a difference in our state.

"And as the 2024 Legislative Session draws to a close, I am proud of our many collective achievements thus far. However, we know our work never ends. During this interim period, it is imperative that we continue to earn the trust of the people and reinvigorate our legislative process to prioritize their interests and sound policy. It is our collective responsibility to serve the people of Hawai'i diligently, and I look forward to continuing that work with you all. *Mahalo.*"

Speaker Saiki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"The Chair has a couple of comments. And first, to kind of repeat what the others have said, to begin with thank-yous for all of the people who have helped us get through this legislative session. So, thank you to the Chief Clerk's Office, Sergeant-at-Arms, our research offices, the Printshop, our custodial staff, Legislative Reference Bureau, and all of the staff members in our individual offices. Thank you for all of your work and the role that you played throughout this legislative session.

"So, when we began this session on January 17, there was so much uncertainty in our state. And I know that each of you felt that uncertainty. We were in the aftermath of the Lahaina wildfire, we were faced with disaster preparation, and we were unsure about the fiscal situation of our state. But you pulled through. And this session, in my opinion, is a historic session when you look at all of the accomplishments that you have produced. And rather than speak generally, I'd like to point to some specific examples of what you've accomplished.

"Maui financial relief, income tax reform, elimination of medical services general excise tax, Kona coffee labeling, macadamia nut labeling, short-term rental regulation, statewide visitor app, decentralized state employee hiring, expanded mental health professional licensure, senior's Silver Alert program, *Kaiapuni* Hawaiian language education, animal cruelty, homeless funding, cesspool planning, wildfire prevention, state parks funding, a constitutional amendment to protect marriage equality, low- and middle-income rooftop solar financing, statute of limitations for child victims, a recurring base budget for the Department of Education, a recurring base budget for the University of Hawai'i, increased adult care home payments, increased long-term care facility payments, creation of the Immigration Services and Access Unit at the Department of Labor, *Hula Mae* loans, and housing adaptive reuse. And of course, I have to mention, regulation of noisy mufflers, weed whackers, and feral chickens, as well as recognition of *Kimchi Day*.

"So, members, you should view these accomplishments also within the context of the past two years, when you took the lead to raise standards of conduct and to improve how we make decisions in this body. These accomplishments did not happen by chance. They were all advanced by your ideas, determination, and hard work. You have built a solid record of achievement that will center Hawai'i and help thousands and thousands and thousands of people. Thank you for your work and have a great summer."

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Nakamura moved that the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Matsumoto.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 1:03 p.m., the Speaker rapped his gavel and declared the House of Representatives of the

Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, adjourned Sine Die.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 3, 2024, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day passed the following bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 40, SD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 63, SD 2, HD 3, CD 2
 S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2

House Communication dated May 3, 2024, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1861, HD 2, SD 2
 H.B. No. 2159, HD 2, SD 2

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 799 through 804) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 799, transmitting H.C.R. No. 49, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDY ALONG KALIHI STREET FROM KAMANAIKI STREET TO KALIHI VALLEY PARK," which was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 800, transmitting H.C.R. No. 125, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC," which was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 801, transmitting H.C.R. No. 157, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE AIR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS ON MOLOKAI AND LĀNA'I," which was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 802, dated May 3, 2024, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 40, SD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 2374, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 63, SD 2, HD 3, CD 2
 S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2

Sen. Com. No. 803, dated May 3, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said Senate Concurrent Resolutions have this day been adopted:

S.C.R. No. 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 2, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 146, SD 1, HD 1

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

S.R. No. 223, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO

ADJOURN SINE DIE," which was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 804, dated May 28, 2024, transmitting copies of S.R. Nos. 55, 80, 82, 94, 105, 114, and 120, which were adopted by the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.

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