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FIFTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 8, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:03 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilgan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Trish La Chica, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Ganaden, Gates, and Nakashima, who were excused.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Days were approved. (Representatives Ganaden, Gates, Nakashima, Nishimoto, and Quinlan were excused.)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 6 and 7) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 6, transmitting H.B. No. 129, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUNTS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 7, 2024.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note that HB 129 passed third reading in the House during the Regular Session of 2023. Article 3, Section 15 of the Hawai'i State Constitution requires that a carryover bill pass at least one reading in the originating house before being enrolled to the governor. Therefore, we will take up final reading action on this measure during Monday's floor session."

Sen. Com. No. 7, transmitting H.B. No. 824, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL RELEASE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 7, 2024.

Representative Nakamura moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bill, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Ganaden, Gates, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Pierick, and Quinlan were excused.)

H.B. No. 824, HD 2, (SD 1)

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Perruso introduced her staff: Yvonne Yoro, Alexandra Pernie, and Diego Carranza.

Representative Kapela introduced Nate Hix and Peggy Mierzwa from the Hawai'i Public Health Institute.

Representative Matayoshi introduced students from Castle High School's Innovation Academy and their teachers, Kumu Pokipala and Kumu Panakea.

Representative La Chica introduced her staff: Erin Conway and Erika Anderson.

Representative Aiu introduced his staff, Shanztyn Nihipali.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 4) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 4, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2023 NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA AGRISCIENCE FAIR CHAMPIONS FROM THE FUTURE FARMERS

OF AMERICA CHAPTERS IN WAIPAHU," was offered by Representative Lamosao.

Representative Lamosao moved that H.R. No. 4 be adopted, seconded by Representative Chun.

Representative Lamosao celebrated the remarkable achievements of students from the FFA chapters of Waipahu High School and Waipahu Intermediate School, congratulated them on their exceptional accomplishments at the National FFA Agriscience Fair, and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Angelo Luigi Agarano and Sean Michael Valencia Monte, champions, Environmental Services and Natural Resource Systems, Division 6;

Travis Cabulera and LJay Asuncion, champions, Animal Systems, Division 2; and

Nicholas Nishimura, champion, Environmental Services and Natural Resource Systems, Division 1.

Representative Chun congratulated the honorees and introduced additional team members who were seated in the gallery:

Jayden Cascayan, participant, Parliamentary Procedure;

Jayzen Garcia and Ednice Julaton, 2nd place, Plant Systems, Division 2;

Geselle Lazaro and Zairen Pua, 7th place, Social Science, Division 1;

Maddissyn Martinez, 6th place, Social Science, Division 1;

Maddison Miyasato, 5th place, Food Products and Processing Systems, Division 1;

Eric Nguyen, 4th place, Power, Structural and Technical Systems, Division 1;

Rhylic Sabuco, 5th place, Animal Systems, Division 1; and

Chaperones: Jeffrey Garvey, FFA advisor; Matthew Mitsuyuki, Waipahu High School assistant principal; and Shannon Wolpiuk, Kupu Hawai'i educational leader.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 4 was adopted, with Representatives Ganaden, Nakashima, Nishimoto, and Pierick being excused.

At 12:21 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:26 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 158-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1339, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1339, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1339, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Kong voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 159-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2328, as

amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2328, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. My understanding is that this bill would acquire property from the private sector and make it a public sector affordable housing project. If we look at the history of the state, a lot of our housing that comes from the government becomes less of a quality versus what the private sector can offer us. I think the private sector often supersedes what the public sector can offer us with regards to housing. So, I'm against spending millions of dollars to buy property so that the state can then rent it out."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2328, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 160-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2747, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2747, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2747, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CREATIVE MEDIA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development, with Representative Holt voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 161-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2725, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2725, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 162-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1814, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1814, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 163-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2614, 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 Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2614, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2614, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 164-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2012, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2012, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. My understanding is that this bill would burden companies when they're making construction projects to include electric charging stations. We want the economy to flourish. And if we're increasing the cost for construction with charging stations, this is going to hurt the economy."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Just to clarify, this bill would, there's already existing requirement under law for one EV charger per 100 stalls. This bill would just require that the stalls needed to be built where that project was taking place and couldn't be aggregated to another island or another location on the same island. So, it's good for neighbor islands. And in addition, it would give counties the authority, which we think they may already have but they want a clarification on, and some counties have moved forward with this, but give counties the authority to require more EV chargers than the one that's required under state law. But it does not increase any requirements that are under state law."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2012, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 165-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2770, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2770, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 166-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1972, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1972, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1972, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Gates and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 167-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2638, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2638, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE POTENTIAL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 168-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2001, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2001, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 169-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2083, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2083, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 170-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2136, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2136, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 171-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2138, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2138, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. I appreciate the intent of this bill, but my understanding is that this bill would appropriate funds towards the University of Hawai'i, which is using tax dollars for public education. If we ask ourselves, what about the truck drivers, the waitresses, and people that don't need a college degree to get a job, they're being taxed for this college. So, I disagree with that."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2138, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 172-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2140, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2140, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 173-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2144, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2144, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 H.B. No. 2144, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 174-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2146, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2146, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 175-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2613, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2613, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 176-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2618, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2618, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 177-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2737, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2737, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 178-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2758, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2758, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 179-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1544, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1544, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 180-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1781, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1781, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 181-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1922, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1922, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 182-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1930, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1930, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE

HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 183-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2093, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2093, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 184-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2626, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 185-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2724, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2724, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 186-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2694, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2694, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 187-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1901, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1901, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. I would like to thank the introducers of this bill. This bill decreases red tape, which preserves some property in Hawai'i to be historic and it expands what is the definition of historic to allow for projects to be moved along faster, which can help create a better economy with more affordable housing."

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1901, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 188-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2478, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2478, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2478, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Marten, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 189-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2429, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Lowen, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 190-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2407, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2407, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. But I just wanted to raise a few things I think everyone should be aware of. Part of this bill would allow Hawaiian Electric to take out to, because they have a really bad credit rating right now, part of what this bill would do would allow them to take out a bond securitized by ratepayers, which means it would be backed by a new fee on electric bills. And that's a big ask. So, I just think everyone should be paying close attention to this.

"I had the Hawai'i State Energy Office look at some numbers they could try to ballpark for us of what it would cost, because Hawaiian Electric is saying they have no idea, they can't give us any numbers. And it would be, if it was kind of based on range of 5% to 6% interest rate, and looking at how Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority did something similar, if it was

a bond for \$500 million, it would be between \$5.79 to \$6.39 a month on every ratepayers electric bill. If the bond was for more, which is definitely not out of the realm of possibility, if the bond was for \$1 billion or \$2 billion, then those would be raised proportionally. So, you could double that to \$12.70-something cents on the outside, for a \$2 billion bond, we'd be looking at more than \$25 a month for every ratepayer.

"So, I just think everyone should be paying close attention to this bill and making sure that we're holding Hawaiian Electric accountable to answer our questions that we have about how they are going to spend the money if we authorize it, and what they are doing internally with their company to try to find savings and other means of addressing this issue. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2407, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Nakashima, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 191-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2700, 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 Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2700, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations. This bill has, again, another really big give to the electric company and it has just a lot of big blanks in it. It's a board made of unknown membership, with an unknown number of members to be appointed by the governor. And it's requesting the state and the electric utility and other entities like private landowners put in unknown funds, amount of money, into this wildfire fund, which will help to offset some of the liability costs that potentially could be falling on the electric utility. And I just think, again, we should all be paying close attention because we're moving this forward and there's just a lot of blanks in this bill."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2700, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela, Lowen, and Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Evslin, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 192-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2549, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2549, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Matayoshi, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 193-24) recommending that H.B.

No. 2415, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2415, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 194-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1778, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1778, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. I think the measure to decrease smoking and decrease e-cigarette smoking is a very admirable thing. We should decrease that in our state. But this is increasing taxes, I believe at the county level for that. So, I think taxes is more of a state issue with regards to product. So, I'm voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1778, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 195-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2806, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2806, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOID LITIGATION PROCEEDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 196-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2750, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2750, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2750, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representative Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 197-24) recommending that H.B.

No. 2728, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2728, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"In opposition. My understanding is that this bill provides universal access to affordable, high quality health care and health insurance. This would mean a task force for that. So, if that would eventually become implemented, we would be spending taxes on universal health care. So, vegans and pescatarians, people that are stewarding their bodies well, they're exercising, they're getting a lot of sleep, their tax dollars is going towards people who are obese, getting a heart attack, other kinds of diseases. So, I don't think it's fair when we're taxing the healthy to provide health care for the sick."

Representative Perruso rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. I'm worried that this is shaming carnivores."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. The previous speaker, I just wanted to correct that this does not include any appropriation. It's merely setting up a task force so that we as a state can continue a lot of the legacy with the Prepaid Health Care Act, but really looking at the various disparities of folks who are uninsured, who have costs, who have different preexisting conditions as well as chronic diseases and any other things that impact them. And so, it's just an improvement for quality and access to health care. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Can I adopt the words of the previous speaker. And I just want to say that health care is a right," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2728, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 198-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2223, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2223, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 199-24) recommending that H.B. No. 966, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 966, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 200-24) recommending that H.B.

No. 1830, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1830, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 201-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2436, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2436, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Mr. Speaker, this bill, HB 2436, for medical care for minors. It allows a minor, any person between the age of 14 to 17, to consent to the provision of medical care and services. No consent of any other persons, that's parent, caregiver, or guardian, shall be required to authorize services. Information such as pregnancy or sexual health may, not shall, may be disclosed to parents, guardians, or caregivers at the discretion of a medical provider after consultation with the minor. Establishes policies and procedures between providers, covered entities, and minors to withhold information of medical services from parents and guardians based on the discretion of the minor. This is a blatant attack on parental rights, and it's sad to see that this seems to be the common thread through this legislature to attack parents, the family unit, and their rights. My question is, what happens if something dangerous happens, God forbid a minor dies, by consenting to a medical procedure, who is held liable if parents are not aware? This is ridiculous. No vote."

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

"Thank you, in support. I just wanted to point out that, contrary to a lot of the public discourse right now, the most common form of sexual assault is typically with a family member. Unfortunately, it's just our reality. Family member or a close acquaintance. And I think there are a number of times we can imagine where a minor may not want to consult a parent, who may be the actual abuser in these cases. So, while I understand the concerns and I think those concerns are valid, I do think we need to recognize the reality of our public health care situation at the moment. And it's an unfortunate reality that you may want to seek care in these cases without disclosure. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A no vote based upon the fact that we need to strengthen, not weaken, Hawaiian families. And, Mr. Speaker, most on this floor, we have weakened rather than strengthened Hawai'i's families."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support and I'd like to adopt the words of the representative from Hilo as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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 a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"In opposition. Mr. Speaker, we need parents. Minors are not independent enough to know what's best for them at 14 years old with regards to their medical decisions. The brain is not fully developed until 25 years old. Parents are oftentimes above 25 years old of children who are 14 years. And I think their decisions, their input is very valid in medical care services."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. When it comes down to this bill, I just want to make it very clear that a minor can't consent to treatment of the disease if they have it. They can consent to testing of the disease. But they, unfortunately, as the laws right now are written, they can't have preventative care. And this bill is all about preventative care. And permission to insert further written comments in support. Thank you."

Representative Tam's written remarks are as follows:

"In alignment with its mission to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center strongly supports measures to increase access to needed medical care and services for all persons, including access to medications that can prevent the transmission of HIV. HHHRC carries forward the work of Life Foundation, Hawai'i's first and largest HIV/AIDS services organization. The use of pre-exposure prophylaxis can help mitigate the risks of contracting HIV. Sexual and gender minorities face significant social and structural stigma. Even though HIV can be managed through the use on anti-retroviral medications, preventing HIV among those at risk is a salutary policy."

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

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, still in opposition. Just want to say, using the excuse that some kids are abused by their family and parents and using that to premise taking away all parent's rights, I just don't see the correlation there. Bad situations happen and there are lots of situations where families are involved in abuse. And that's wrong, it's sad, it's horrible. But why use that as an excuse to take away every other parent's right in this state? Parents have the right to raise their kids the way they want to raise their kids and it's not government's job to step in that way and tell families what to do. No vote."

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

"In support. Very briefly, I would suggest the reading of the bill because this does not take away all parents, all of their rights. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, in strong support. I just wanted to note that the only thing that's added in this bill is treating STDs. And that's a really serious thing. A young person might not want to disclose to their parents if they're sexually active. But not treating, failing to treat an STD can result in all kinds of problems, including lifelong sterility. So, hiding something from your parents could result in lifelong consequences that could be very easily treated and spread. So, thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2436, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

At 12:45 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Garrett introduced Members of Ehime Prefectural Assembly: Chair Yasuhito Takayama, Junnosuke Kaino, Taichi Yamamoto, Shoji Akehi, Hiroshi Watanabe, Go Oishi, Hideyuki Takahashi, Hiroyasu Yamasaki, Hirohumi Omasa, Tsuyoshi Ishikawa, Hideki Nagayasu, and Minoru Ishikawa; and translator, Mr. Yamamoto.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 202-24) recommending that H.B.

No. 2629, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Housing.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2629, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Housing, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill taxes the rich to give benefits to the poor. If somebody tries hard and they become well-off, this bill would target them and tax them towards people who sometimes don't try hard and try to mooch off of the system or mooch off of the state. So, I don't support this."

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

"In strong support, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, in the America of today, you don't get rich by trying hard, you get rich by being born rich. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservation on the bill, as well as the comment from the gentleman from the North Shore. Because America is based upon hard work, effort, education, training. And the America that he's talking about does not exist except for those who don't have the initiative to go and become entrepreneurial, innovative, and creative. Mr. Speaker, this is a battle of values. This is a matter of values."

Representative Perruso rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. I'm concerned that he's disparaging people who are living in poverty."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"This is a point of personal privilege where he denigrated my nation in front of everybody. You don't denigrate America and say it's worthless, people."

Representative Tam rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Address the rostrum."

At 12:49 p.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"I'd like to thank the gentleman from the North Shore. We just shook hands and we're all copacetic."

Representative Garcia rose, stating:

"Just a point of parliamentary inquiry. Just a reminder, Mr. Speaker, a simple disagreement with the statement doesn't warrant a point of order. Thank you."

Representative Pierick rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, in opposition. In response to a previous comment that people are born rich and that's how they become rich in America and they can't become rich through trying hard, through capitalism. My grandfather was in poverty. My dad talks about stories of basically them eating dog food when they got so poor. My family, me growing up in Hawai'i, we were in welfare growing up in Hawai'i, and we can work past that. My dad is, he's not poor anymore, I don't think I'm poor anymore. And it's not because we were born into it, we tried hard."

Representative Quinlan rose to respond, stating:

"Just to further clarify my earlier remarks. There is a Social Mobility Index that ranks countries. What is the Social Mobility Index? It measures your ability to be born poor in a country and to die wealthy. The United States has one of the lowest rankings of any first world nation behind such luminaries as Portugal, South Korea, and Lithuania. Thank you."

At 12:52 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2629, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Housing, with Representative Kong voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 203-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1831, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1831, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 204-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2451, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2451, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 205-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2159, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2159, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 206-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1954, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1954, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 207-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2079, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2079, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB 2079, I want to read from page 48, lines 9 through 17. 'A court of this State shall have temporary emergency jurisdiction if the child is present in this State and the child has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because: ... (2) The child has been unable to obtain gender-affirming health care services.'

"Once again, it's a blatant attack on parental rights. Parents have the right to raise their children the way they want. And I have no problem with anyone making their own decisions about their own life, their own gender, their own expression, if you are an adult. Let parents raise the kids the way they want to raise their kids. And allowing gender affirming care for minors, in my opinion, is mutilation. No vote."

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote. And we have just proven the fact that we are diminishing the rights of the family, consistently, every session. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. And I would just like to say that this bill, the premise is supposed to be able to help students or minors that are often kicked out of their homes if their parents don't agree with what this child believes, that they are who they're meant to be. So, all across the nation, we are witnessing attacks on gender affirming care and reproductive rights.

"This bill is an attempt to preserve basic civil liberties for Hawai'i's people. This bill acts as a shield from overreaching out-of-state prosecution and out-of-state subpoenas for gender affirming care providers. It protects families from having their *keiki* removed by out-of-state agencies for either receiving or providing access to gender affirming care, something we have seen other states attempt to do. And it increases equitable access to gender affirming care services performed by local healthcare providers by protecting those providers from legal assaults by other states. Hawai'i has long been a leader in defending the rights of our LGBTQ+ community. This bill strengthens that legacy for future generations."

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

"In strong support. I'd like the remarks of the previous speaker to be entered into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request, and permission to insert written comments in support," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Tam's written remarks are as follows:

"In alignment with its mission to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center strongly support efforts to expand gender-affirming health care services for all trans and gender non-conforming persons. Transgender persons have been subject to pervasive institutional stigma, including access to needed medical care, often in addition to trauma experienced as victims of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. Trans youth face significant challenges to their health and well-being compared to their cisgender and LGB peers."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Health care is a human right and one of the most important jobs any legislator can do is reaffirm society's protections at the state level."

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, in opposition still. Just wanted to give a reminder, Mr. Speaker, that the children of Hawai'i does not belong to government. And how dare government once again step in and tell parents how they can and cannot raise their child? This is life changing. This is life altering for children. This isn't just a Tylenol pill or an Advil. This is life altering, permanent things that will happen to them and change them forever. This is, I mean, I just don't understand why more people aren't enraged about this. Let parents raise their kids the way they want to raise them. No vote."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2079, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Tamas and Belatti, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 208-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2630, 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 Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2630, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition and a comment. This bill would allow psilocybin, more commonly known as magic mushrooms, for therapeutic use. Currently, psilocybin is listed under federal and state law as a Schedule I controlled substance, which means that it has a high potential for abuse and no recognized medicinal uses. Currently, only Colorado and Oregon allow psilocybin for medicinal use, and it is not legal at the federal level and in the majority of states.

"In testimony, the Department of Law Enforcement, as well as the Hawai'i Medical Association, which represents Hawai'i's physicians and medical residents and students from all specialties and practices, testified in opposition to this bill. They state that although psilocybin has shown some promise, the safety and efficacy to treat mental health conditions has not been established, and that further studies and medical research need to be conducted.

"The Department of Law Enforcement has also indicated that this bill lacks appropriate safeguards, and in reading this bill, I would have to agree. This could include ensuring that only patients are able to use psilocybin, and that it doesn't become available to those who should not have it, like our youth. In addition, the Hawai'i Psychological Association provided comments on this bill and agreed that more study is needed. I believe that this bill is premature at this time, and we don't have enough data or research to safely indicate that psilocybin's benefits outweigh the concerns. For these reasons, I'm in opposition to this bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. The testimony from the Department of Law Enforcement acknowledged that psilocybin is actually recognized as a breakthrough technology. It was explained to us that the Food and Drug Administration has listed this as a breakthrough technology, which means that there are therapeutic uses and that they will move expeditiously in order to properly schedule this for use for therapeutic purposes. So, this measure I think is a measured step forward. It's not opening up the door to allow unfettered use. And it's looking to the professionals who are trained in this area to help guide us going forward. And so, I think this is a good measure, and I'm asking support from the other members. Thank you."

Representative Kila rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Kitagawa be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. My opposition is in deference to the Hawai'i Medical Association, who likely knows a little bit more about mental health treatment than I do or will ever know. Especially when it deals with a hallucinogenic treatment that has not been approved by the U.S. government or the Food and Drug Administration.

"Psilocybin is recognized as a possible breakthrough therapy. But I think that is still premature, especially given the testimony of the Department of Law Enforcement, who says that now there could be any number of people who would possess this without any evidence of registration or intended use. So, for those reasons, I'm no. Thank you."

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

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

"No vote, Mr. Speaker, brief comment. As the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs stated, this drug may be a breakthrough drug, but it might not be. And they're going through the process right now. I feel like it needs to play out at the federal level and it's premature at this time for us to jump the gun and pass this bill. Thank you."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, just as a reminder, this is our second reading of this bill and it will go through many committees. So, I just want to mention that there are going to be other committees that this bill will go through. I know we're having a healthy discussion, but I just want to send that reminder."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Psilocybin is converted in the body to psilocin, which affects hydroxy tryptophan receptors, which modulate serotonin, which provides a feeling of well-being. This therapy has a lot of advantages over SSRI-based therapies. And quite frankly, I have a constituent who is alive today because of this therapy. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No vote and a brief comment. I just want to remind the body that this is a free country, and it is second reading, but feel free to speak your mind. People are allowed to speak on second reading. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote. And may I ask that the good office of the vice chair of Finance, her remarks, be entered into the Journal as if they were my own. She was spot on," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"But I would, Mr. Speaker, remind the people of what's going on mentally in this nation. Why are people shooting themselves? Why are the prisons filled with mental, unfortunately unable to adapt to normal society. Why are the homeless, 80% of them having some mental ill, it's because of these numbing and dumbing down drugs. And you want to talk about mushrooms? Look what Oregon did. Oregon opened the door to any kind of drugs. And they, particularly in the capital city, they've got just a swath of people who are enabled by people in bodies like this who say, hey, it's okay, man. Go for it.

"We're on the precipice of legalizing recreational marijuana. Not learning from what has happened in Colorado. Not what's happened in California where the cartels are taking over, the Chinese are taking over, they've got 80% of the black market taking over. Mr. Speaker, what are we trying to enable? Are we trying to make a better population for the people of Hawai'i

or are we trying to push them down the hole, and particularly for our youth, numb them down and dumb them and make them, how would you say, not impotent, unable to be functioning members of our society.

"Okay, we can help a few people. That's good. But to abandon the general welfare of what, you know, most people are sober most of the time, most people have their rational mind about them. When we've got all things with alcohol and marijuana already out there, why do we want to do this, Mr. Speaker? Look at the homeless. They were just right on our doorstep the other day. Those who were around yelling and talking to themselves. Look at the prisons filled with people. What are we doing to our society? What is America doing to the mental health? We don't have mental health institutions anymore. We do not have the carrying capacity to drug our people any further.

"Mr. speaker, we've gone far enough, and this bill pushes a nice warm and fuzzy kind of, yeah, it's going to be okay. But look at the results on the streets. Look at the results in the mental institutions. Look at the results in the prisons. We are punishing our people by doing things such as this, Mr. speaker. Please, everyone, listen closely to those negative voices and those who know what's going on in the psychological associations, in the medical association, and in the public safety sector. Other than that, I have no strong feelings about this bill."

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support. I just want to note that the current governor is a medical doctor himself, and that his Office of Wellness and Resilience testified in strong support before the Judiciary Committee in support of this bill because of its possibility of furthering the dialog as to psilocybin's role in treating mental health illnesses. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. Can I adopt the words of both the chair and the vice chair of Judiciary into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"In opposition. Not to be hubris, but to compare what the previous representative said about the doctor governor approving it. I have a doctorate in counseling. I have my application approved in mental health counseling, and I disagree with this. This is not good for the community."

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

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

"In strong support and may I adopt the words of the chair and vice chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and make mention that we are prescribing antidepressants and all these other prescription drugs to treat these conditions that are mentioned in this bill. And this provides a natural means for residents to access similar types of care. And I think that we should further the discussion on this matter, and I appreciate the time. *Mahalo*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In strong support. May I adopt the words of the representative from Waianae and insert them into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2630, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Alcos and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Matayoshi, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 209-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2074, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2074, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Woodson and Perruso, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 210-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1587, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1587, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1587, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 211-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2778, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2778, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2778, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 212-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1933, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1933, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOBRIETY CHECKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 213-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2757, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2757, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the

Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 214-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2720, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2720, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2720, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 215-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2028, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2028, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABELING OF PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 216-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2762, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2762, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"With reservations, brief comment. I want to thank the introducer for this bill for exempting anything past West O'ahu and Ko Olina to not include any gaming establishments. There are some concerns around the subject matter. But I will reference in the community survey that was distributed to the House District 44. There is not appetite for this kind of conventional style of gambling, but there is an appetite to explore a state lottery system. Thank you."

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

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

"A no vote, brief comment. As far as gambling goes, I do consider it a kind of a regressive tax on less wealthy people. I don't mean to disparage the intent of the bill to help certain populations, but if we're going to help them, I think we should be taxing people who can better afford it. Thank you."

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, a no vote. Gambling works because there are more losers than winners. Why would the state want to create a system where we endorse losers to lose more? Thank you."

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

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

Representative Ganaden rose, stating:

"I'd like to adopt the words of the representative from District 44 as my own. In support of maybe like scratchers, but maybe not this kind of gambling. Thanks."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Thank you, in strong support. I appreciate all the comments regarding gambling. And just to let you guys know that the genesis of this bill comes from the continual underfunding of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. This measure is to increase funding for our Native Hawaiian organization, which has historically been an afterthought.

"So, a little bit of history. I'm not going to go all the way back to the overthrow. But in terms of statehood, the terms of statehood had considered the plight of the Hawaiian people, specifically in the Admission Act of 1959. Section 5F, the act refers to crown and government lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom, which have been designated ceded to the Republic of Hawai'i and then to the United States.

"The act conveyed these lands to the new State of Hawai'i with the caveat that revenues were to constitute a trust for five purposes. One of those purposes was a betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians. By any measure, those conditions were sorely in need of improvement, but by 1970 they had not changed for the better as the state's trust obligation went ignored.

"In 1978, a constitutional convention was called to review and revise the functions of the responsibilities of Hawai'i's government. And at the convention, the Native Hawaiian legislative package was considered by delegates. Among provisions incorporated into the new State Constitution was the establishment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as a public trust with a mandate to better the conditions of both Native Hawaiians and the Hawaiian community in general. OHA was to be funded with a pro-rata share of revenues from state lands designated as ceded.

"To follow that, in 1979, the Legislature enacted Chapter 10 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, implementing the changes to the Constitution and making OHA a semi-autonomous, self-governing body. Subsequent legislation has further defined the amount of revenue stream accruing to OHA. So, the amount owed to OHA has always been in question. But what is clear is that it is up to the Legislature, us, to define the amount OHA shall receive.

"To read a bit of a quote from Chief Justice Moon's opinion in the case OHA versus State of Hawai'i in 2001, 'how the State satisfies that constitutional obligation requires policy decisions that are primarily within the authority and expertise of the legislative branch. As such, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the ceded lands trust.' Further, he says, 'we trust that the legislature will re-examine the State's constitutional obligation to native Hawaiians and the purpose of HRS § 10-13.5 and enact legislation that most effectively and responsibly meets those obligations.'

"So in 1997, the amount given to OHA was set at \$15.1 million. And it stood there for 25 years until 2022, when we increased the amount to \$21.5 million. I think by any means, we can all agree that a \$5 million increase in 25 years does not keep up with how much land values have increased over that same period.

"So, this measure here intends to give revenues from this casino an additional \$50 million to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Now, I am unaware of any other measures or proposals that we have to increase the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, because, as I mentioned, it's become an afterthought. I was recently asked by a colleague, how come we don't increase the amount given to OHA? And I didn't have an answer. But I'd like to pose a question to all of you, why don't we make this right and correctly fund OHA as intended by the Constitution. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, in support. I figured I'd build on this positive momentum and add my own thoughts. I generally believe, whether it's substances, just human behavior in general, most gambling issues, that we'd be better off lifting prohibition and just stepping in as a regulator, because it removes a lot of the organized crime element that currently takes place in game rooms across the state, or in places we're not even sure actually exist but probably do.

"But beyond that, I think it's kind of, albeit complicated, if we are going to add a new revenue stream, I do believe that it should be benefiting an entity like OHA or DHHL for that purpose. And beyond that, I think the estimate currently is that Hawai'i residents take 300,000 trips to Las Vegas annually. If we could just capture a certain percentage of that revenue that we're currently exporting, I think we'd be better off for it. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I probably should have said this sooner, but request for a ruling on a potential conflict. My brother is a trustee at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

Representative Ganaden rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I'd like to change my position. In support. I think that this advances an important conversation about the appropriate use of the taxation from ceded lands. Three years ago, we had a similar conversation about the use of gaming funds for the appropriate payment for services and land use for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. What resulted in that was over two years of important conversation. So, for those purposes, in support."

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in opposition. I want to thank the representative from Iwilei for that history of the failure of this body in this building to do what's right. And not just what's *pono* and righteous, but what is constitutionally mandated in paying OHA their full 20% of public land trust revenue. Also, I do want to note, it was mentioned that there's no other bills this session to do that. Well, if the majority would sometimes just read the minority bills, we had a bill in there to pay OHA their full 20% of public land trust revenue minus gambling. No vote."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, no vote. And with agreement with the chair of the Hawaiian Caucus in that we need to fund more generously OHA. But as my colleague just noted, we need to do it the way that has been legally, statutorily, constitutionally said that 20% of the ceded land revenues should go to OHA. So, when we posed the question, what should we do? Well, let's do what's right, do what's legal, let's do what's on the books and give them their due."

"This is not rocket science. And you can understand why you want to go on, you want to do gambling? Well, it's a shortcut because you can't get the 20%, you can't raise things otherwise. So, as we nickel and dime them, they want to do a side run. But in effect, it's because we have not given them what we are legally obliged to do, and that's 20% of the ceded lands. Mr. Speaker, not rocket science. Let's do what's right. And I think the saying is, you're *ono* if you're *pono*, and I think that's what we need to do with this bill. Thank you, Chair."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2762, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMING," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Chun, Garrett, Hussey-Burdick, Ichiyama, Kila, Matsumoto, Poepoe, Souza, and Takayama voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kapela, Kobayashi, Lowen, Marten, Matayoshi, Perruso, Pierick, Quinlan, and Tam voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 217-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2765, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2765, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you. I figured I'd get ahead of the curve with this one. I'm in support of HB 2765. I've introduced similar measures in the past. If there's such a thing as low hanging fruit, even lower hanging fruit than the lottery, it is this proposal. Sports wagering is already happening constantly. If you watch any ESPN broadcast, the company that is owned and operated by Disney, the most like maybe, maybe potentially falsely, positive and good vibe company possible, right? This is a very American apple pie type of company. Constant ads for sports gambling. It exists everywhere. It's currently happening probably in offices throughout the Capitol on people's phones. This would do very little harm. And all it would allow us to do is regulate and capture some revenue."

"This does not bring along with it the social ills that we would attach with something that's as bold as a casino. Very little potential for negative outcomes. But we'd capture some revenue, we'd regulate what is currently

an unregulated market. And just anecdotally, as someone who's coached high school football for quite a while, it's not unusual to find out before a game we're playing that there's a line on our games. This is already happening constantly and everywhere, we'd just be better off regulating it and stepping in. And kind of fulfilling our responsibility as a regulator, which we so often cast aside in cases like this. Thank you."

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

"Great speech. May adopt the words of the previous speaker. And a no vote, thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, with reservations. May I adopt the words of the chair of Transportation and clarify the only thing on my phone is Pokémon Go. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"No vote. But I would like to adopt the words of the chair of Transportation," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"No vote. And I do not want to adopt his words."

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

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

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

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

"No vote, Mr. Speaker. For the reasons why, my dad, back in the days, he was running a six-five gambling with football, basketball. And I seen many families break up. They lost their home. They lost their wife. And I didn't see any family get ahead in life by gambling. I mean, I love gambling myself. But if I took it into a serious way, I think I would lose my family as well. I feel that gambling does bring a threat to our local families. So, I'm against this bill. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"In opposition. I have a family member who has been addicted to gambling. And this individual basically lost his wife and house through the ordeal. Gambling isn't a gateway towards fun and entertainment for the community. It is a gateway towards addiction and disruption. It does not help the economy. It basically captivates the poor to stay poor by believing that they can get a break someday by hitting the jackpot, when statistically, they never do."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I do understand addiction concerns. And that's why taxes would be collected to implement a gambling mitigation program, which currently does not exist. As the chair of the Transportation Committee said, there are so many people gambling right now in an unregulated market where you don't even need money to bet. They offer you a credit line and when you don't pay up, guess what happens? Bad things.

"So, if we were to legalize this and offer people a way to gamble in the legal market, they would need their own funds to gamble. And along with the illegal gambling in the game rooms, there's all kinds of detrimental factors to our community. And this money would also go towards the Department of Law Enforcement to enforce on these game rooms and illegal gambling that's currently existing. Thank you and in support."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. May I adopt the words of the Transportation Chair and the Economic Development Committee as well, as if they were my own. I just would like to also mention that Hawai'i is the only other state besides Utah that does not have any form of gambling. And I think that is contributing directly to the illicit markets that we are putting and directing ample funds to go after. So, creating a legal means to do that will allow for the state to save some money and even collect revenue, which can go to supporting our communities and addressing the concerns from communities, whether it's the addiction or law enforcement presence. So, with that, I stand in strong support. *Mahalo*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Pierick rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, in opposition. Drawing a parallel of how the taxes on gambling can help our state, Hawai'i is considered the prostitution or sex trafficking hub of the Pacific. If we then say, let's legalize prostitution, set up a brothel in town, and then we can use the proceeds from those activities to help their families, that's not good."

Representative Kapela rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Trafficking has nothing to do with this bill."

Representative Pierick: "As stated previously, I was drawing a parallel with gambling."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2765, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Chun, Garrett, Hussey-Burdick, Ichiyama, Kila, Matsumoto, Poepoe, Souza, and Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kapela, Kobayashi, Lowen, Marten, Matayoshi, Perruso, Pierick, and Quinlan voting no, and with Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Tourism, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measure on Friday, February 9, at 9:50 a.m. in Conference Room 312, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.B. No. 2416, Relating to Taxation.

Representative Garcia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since we're talking about trafficking, there is a stop human trafficking conference today in the auditorium, sponsored by my office and council member Tupola's office at 1:30 p.m., which is in about three minutes. There will be a policy panel discussion with the attorney general, Prosecutor's Office, HPD alert coordinator, and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss legislation on human trafficking bills, nationally and locally. Thank you."

Representative Marten: "Hi. In celebration of Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i or Hawaiian Language Month, my office will be offering, every Monday, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., if anyone wants to stop in, if your staff wants to stop in while we're on the floor, my office manager, who is bilingual, speaks Hawaiian, is happy to share that and is very enthusiastic to teach others Hawaiian language. So please, encourage your staff to stop by. Thank you. We will also have snacks."

Representative Gates: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and all of our participants in Ag Day today, I just want to say *mahalo* to the body for making time to meet with local farmers and to try out some of what they have to offer, along with supporting what they're promoting, which is supporting local farmers. And so, I want to also thank my vice chair for organizing, as well as the Senate counterparts for their participation as well. *Mahalo*."

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:28 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Friday, February 9, 2024. (Representatives Nakashima, Nishimoto, Sayama, and Ward were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated February 8, 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 disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following measure:

H.B. No. 824, HD 2, SD 1