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FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

The invocation was delivered by Representative David Alcos III, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Kahaloa, who was excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 351 through 355) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 351, transmitting S.C.R. No. 3, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO CONDUCT TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS, PARTICULARLY WITHIN LAVA-FLOW HAZARD ZONES 1 AND 2, TO UPDATE ITS LONG-TERM LAVA-FLOW HAZARD MAP OF HAWAII ISLAND," which was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 352, transmitting S.C.R. No. 81, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, COLLABORATE TO EXPLORE AVENUES TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MEDICATIONS FOR THE STATE'S UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS UNDER THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM AND URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND RELEVANT FEDERAL AGENCIES TO MONITOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM," which was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 353, transmitting S.C.R. No. 175, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REPORT ON THE CULTURAL AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AT THE KAWAIOLOA YOUTH AND FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER," which was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 354, transmitting S.C.R. No. 188, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONTINUE TO CEASE INTERCEPTING SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 355, dated April 2, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2119, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2132, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2193, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2197, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2236, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2333, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2532, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2718, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2841, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2845, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3011, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3025, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3033, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3034, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3037, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3154, SD 1, HD 1

S.B. No. 3226, SD 1, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Belatti introduced 26th Annual Legislative Massage Awareness Day participants from the American Massage Therapy Association – Hawaii Chapter: Adele La Fever, chapter president; Gwen DeLuze-Coria, community outreach coordinator; Sterling Coria, financial administrator; Dustin Ebesu, Arlene Estrella, Connie Cadiz, Penn Calligan, and Denise Dixon Faris; and from the Quantum School of Massage and Holistic Health: instructors, Kathy Julia and Barbara Hart; and students, Katie Fischer, Andrea Kamahele, Aaron Pocheco, Wendee Remigio, Caylee Takafugi, and Nathalie Wilda.

Representative Alcos introduced his wife, Ralena Byrd Alcos, and Theresa Cook Coutant.

At 12:09 p.m., Representative Nakamura requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain Senate Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representatives Nakashima and Tarnas, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1589-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2529, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2529, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1590-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2715, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2715, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1591-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2819, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2819, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1592-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2066, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2066, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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"In support. This bill basically deregulates the housing process, which is a wonderful thing. It cuts red tape. Thank you for the bill."

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

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

Representative Amato 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 S.B. No. 2066, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Amato, Hussey-Burdick, and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1593-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2308, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2308, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPEEDING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1594-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1595-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2834, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2834, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1596-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3312, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3312, SD 1, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill authorizes the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its history to be displayed in a prominent location of the state. I think the shaka is a great hand gesture. I drive and I usually take my hand and do shaka all the time when somebody pulls in or trying to give somebody space on the road. It's a wonderful gesture.

"At the same time, we're the House of Representatives and we're focusing time on a hand gesture when there's so many other issues facing our state. Homelessness, crime, affordable housing, high-cost electricity. So, with the

goal of having different priorities as our priority and not the shaka, I'll be voting no."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. What we're spending our time on with this bill is our culture, local culture. The ties that bind all of us together. The things that make Hawai'i such a special place to live. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I think that the bigger picture behind bills like these is that it really does have an economic benefit. When we pass bills that creates a state gesture or a state observance day, many in the local community come together and hold festivals or events around district parks, and that showcases a lot of our local businesses and that's what makes them thrive. So, I think that this is not a waste of time. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3312, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GESTURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1597-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2721, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2721, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2721, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives Garcia and Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Todd being excused.

At 12:44 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2529, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 2715, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 2819, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 2066, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 2308, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 2735, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 2834, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 3312, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 2721, SD 2, HD 2

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1606-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2305, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2305, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1607-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2070, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2070, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1608-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2257, SD 3, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2257, SD 3, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1609-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2475, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2475, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1610-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3305, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3305, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1611-24) recommending that S.B. No. 116, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 116, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Request for a ruling on a potential conflict. I was the recipient of a scholarship from the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

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

"Ruling on a potential conflict. Also a recipient of the scholarship," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 116, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1612-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2837, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2837, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, brief comments. Mr. Speaker, I think it's important for me to stand up on this bill, Senate Bill No. 2837, House Draft 1, because this may be the only opportunity to articulate the reasons why House Draft 1 is so important for this measure.

"This measure concerns the subject of temporarily authorizing the proposed state veterans home on Maui to O'ahu Regional Health Care System, and to establish a timeline and a permanent oversight, transition of that oversight of operations and management to be reassigned to the Maui Regional Health Care System.

"This is very important, Mr. Speaker, for a number of reasons and in part to address the comments in the attorney general's testimony before the Finance Committee, which suggests that it is not this subject that is covered. This is an important subject because it covers facilities, such as a state veterans' home, that we desperately need in this community, much like the O'ahu state veterans home here that is being overseen by O'ahu Regional Health Care System. We currently need the O'ahu Regional Health Care System to take temporary authorization of the oversight and operations of the proposed state veterans home.

"We need a state veterans home on Maui. We also know that this is a timely procedure that needs to be followed. But what we learned in testimony before the committees is that it's really important that the state veterans home on Maui be at some point transitioned away from O'ahu Regional Health Care System to ensure that the revenues that will be generated will flow back to the people and the health system of Maui.

"A second thing we learned in the testimony before the various committees on this measure, is that the self-perpetuating board, the Maui regional board, has not been meeting. And that is a critical, critical body that needs to be reestablished, because that was part of the promise of the privatization and the movement towards Maui health system. We know that there are members, community members on the Maui health system board. So, it is not impossible, as it has been promised to members of this legislative body, that the Maui health board can be reconstituted.

"We need to have this permanent process in place in law so that we ensure that this program can move forward, that proposals can be made to the federal government for federal moneys, but then to also ensure that it is not that the facility and its oversight and its revenues go to the people of the county that it serves, which is Maui. So, in strong support of House Draft 1 of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support, and may I have the words of the former speaker entered into the Journal as my own. And as a Vietnam veteran, we need more veteran homes. I cannot believe to this day some of the largest homeless populations are Vietnam veterans. Impossible. So, these veteran homes that are under the supervision of this bill is very, very much needed. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2837, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1613-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2600, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2600, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1614-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3365, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3365, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1615-24) recommending that S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1616-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2079, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2079, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1617-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2159, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2159, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1618-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2362, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2362, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1619-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2960, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2960, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1620-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2937, SD 1, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2937, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1621-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1622-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2287, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2287, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1623-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3191, SD 1, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3191, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1624-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. And a brief footnote to the naysayers who don't like cameras, who remember the van cams, which people got very upset by because they stopped so many speeders. The point is this, if we had enough police, we wouldn't need this. We are 477 at least short on Hawai'i, on this island, Honolulu, HPD. So, those who don't like the bill, and I know some people will vote with reservations or against it, please push to get more policemen and we wouldn't need this bill. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is very important because technology fills in where human effort fails, and we have failed to fund the police to its fullest. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. The U.S. Constitution Sixth Amendment guarantees an accused right to face an accuser, specifically to expose biases. Given the rapid advances in artificial intelligence, I maintain that rules allowing computers to cite people for violations violate this fundamental right. I am not a luddite, but some technology can be misused. I am wary of the slippery slope having AI robocops and where it will take us 20 years from now. For that reason, I vote no. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1625-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2943, SD 2, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2943, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1626-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 2 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROAD USAGE CHARGE PROGRAM," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1627-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3242, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3242, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1628-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2122, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2122, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Todd being excused.

At 12:53 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2305, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 2070, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2257, SD 3, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2475, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 3305, HD 2
 S.B. No. 116, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2837, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2600, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3365, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2079, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2159, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2362, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2960, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2937, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 3192, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2287, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3191, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 2943, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 3242, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 2122, SD 1, HD 1

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1629-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2345, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1629-24 on S.B. No. 2345, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 2345, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1630-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1630-24 on S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1631-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2908, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1631-24 on S.B. No. 2908, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 2908, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1632-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1632-24 on S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1633-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2630, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1633-24 on S.B. No. 2630, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 2630, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1634-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2706, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2706, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, 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. This measure would basically create a task force for the purpose of expunging criminals' records. And I don't think that's the movement that our legislative body should head in. We should be tough on crime, deter crime, and communicate to the community that if people commit crimes, there are consequences. And this measure doesn't seem to do that. So, I'll be voting no."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2706, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Kong and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1635-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2347, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2347, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"No vote, Mr. Speaker, brief comment. This seems to be coming from an effort from individuals from Waikiki that want to expand upon criminal sentencing in a similar way that this state and many other states did throughout the 1990s. It didn't work then, and it won't work now to make us any safer. It will make certain offenses that are currently misdemeanors, if you get three of them, like a three strikes law, turn into a felony. That's a pretty significant difference. That's going to cause defense attorneys, mainly the Public Defender's office, to take many cases to trial because it's going to turn what could be a few months sentence into a five-year sentence.

"These laws throughout the nation have been held unconstitutional. And furthermore, there's no data to support it. We are moving in a way through the criminal justice system towards collaboration through all forms of government, through a data-informed system. I think that this is the wrong way to go about it."

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

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

"No vote with a brief comment, Mr. Speaker. This bill returns us back to common sense. I don't know if everyone has been watching the news, but people in New York City, particularly young women, have been suddenly walking down the street and getting punched in the face.

"Those who have also recently been accused and convicted as killers have got like 15 or 20 or 30 offenses. Mr. Speaker, this is common sense. I mean, even the weathermen know, the best way to predict the weather tomorrow is what's the behavior in the weather today. If these guys have been 15 or 20 times offending, you got to use common sense, say hey, the probability is in the 90% they're going to do it again. So, you got to give them some behavioral modification, if you will, to say wake up, you're not going to get away with this.

"And this nation is allowing too much of that let's get out of jail free. We've had bail free, get out of jail free issues, expungement issues. I mean, we are not a nation of criminals. But we're allowing too much of this to happen, and a lot of it's related to drugs, but I know that's the next bill, but we'll keep it from. The point is, look, we're not stupid. This is common sense. When you're a child and you misbehave, you get punished. Somehow, we don't have that when we get adults and people who are killing, robbing, and stealing other people. And we go off on this tangent, oh, it's such a bleeding heart that we're going to hurt these people. Well, they've hurt a lot of people and that's why the, I'll just leave it at that point. This is common sense, let's stick with it. We're America, we can know better, we can do better. Thank you."

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

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

Representative Hussey-Burdick rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Ganaden be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2347, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Amato, Ganaden, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, Souza, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1636-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill would basically take the current fine of possessing three grams of recreational marijuana, that fine is \$130, and it would switch it to where if you had one ounce of recreational marijuana, you would be only charged \$25. One ounce of marijuana is about 50 blunts. This could be interpreted as basically having less of a penalty for drug dealers. I don't think that's a good idea. I don't think that's where our state should be heading. So, I'm voting no."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. To correct the prior speaker, this bill actually sets the bar at two ounces, so about 100 to 120 joints. That's one of the reasons I'm in opposition. That's just far too much to decriminalize at this rate. I think that if someone is carrying around 100 of anything, that it would imply the intent to sell. I think that if someone was carrying 100 toothbrushes down the street, you would assume that they're going to be selling toothbrushes. If someone is carrying 100, 120 joints worth of marijuana down the street, that indicates an intent to sell as well.

"This is not a companion bill to the House decriminalization bill, but there was a similar one heard and originating in the House. That was altering the third degree, I believe promoting dangerous drugs in the third degree. This is going to be changing promoting dangerous drugs in the second degree, which is a little bit harsher, too. So not only have we doubled it from one ounce to two ounces, but we are adjusting a higher level of offense as well.

"I'll just point this out too, it's \$25. We're basically making it a slap on the wrist. It's \$25 or two hours of community service for carrying slightly less than two ounces, up to two ounces, I guess, of marijuana. I think that's essentially legalizing it up to that amount.

"I also disagree with the committee report. In the committee report it states, your committee finds that arrest for possession of small amounts of marijuana, or related paraphernalia, is one of the most common entry points into the criminal justice system. Now, I called the Judiciary to ask them how many people are currently in jail or prison due to simply possession of marijuana. And this time when I called, they couldn't give me an answer. They said that all of the crimes for just simple possession of marijuana, just by itself, are conglomerated with a lot of other crimes and they couldn't sort out the number.

"So, if, as a previous speaker on a different bill has said, we are moving towards more of a data-based approach to this, we don't have the data to justify this. And in my previous role as vice chair of the Judiciary, when a bill similar to this came up, the Judiciary at that point told me there were only a handful of people in jail or in prison at the time who were for simple possession and that was it, not associated with a different crime as well, or in addition.

"So, I don't believe that Hawai'i has necessarily the same problems as we're seeing on the mainland. I think this bill is addressing a problem that might be present in other states but is not present in this one. And this is just simply too much for us to bear. Thank you."

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

"In opposition and can I have the words of the other representative from Kaneohe entered into the Journal as my own. And just a brief comment. As I mentioned previously, when we discussed decriminalization with House Bill 1596, I believe that this bill sends the wrong message to the public, especially our youth. By allowing two ounces of marijuana to essentially be legalized, we're pretty much saying that it's okay, that it's not wrong to use marijuana and that it's an okay substance to have. And I don't want to be sending that message to our youth who are already getting mixed messages about other kinds of substances that are out there on the market. In opposition, thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition for the same reasons as the two prior speakers. I thought one ounce was already high. Because a person carrying around 50

joints or 50 to 60 joints isn't going to smoke it in a day or two. That person is probably a distributor or seller. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition and a brief comment. First honor, where honor is due, thanks, where thanks is due. I want to thank the chair of Finance, the vice chair of Finance for what, otherwise, was a historical not hearing of a bill which the people of Hawaii were crying out that, hey guys, don't legalize it.

"This bill, however, Mr. Speaker, is kind of another end run to make it look like it's warm and fuzzy. These are the accouterments or the instruments by which you smoke, toke, or whatever with marijuana. It's not something that I think is in the trend of where we are going. And I think this is not a good bill because it's trying to keep the promotion of marijuana as just another thing on the shelf which young kids and other kids can just marvel with.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is not a good bill. But I think we made history yesterday, and I hope we continue, because this bill, like gambling and like other issues, are going to come back time and time again. So, let's set the record straight now and continue. So, thank you."

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

"No vote and a point of order. I just want to remind this body of decorum and that when members are speaking not to laugh and giggle and have some respect. Thank you."

The Chair then stated:

"Let's be civil members."

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

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

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

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

Representative Garrett 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 a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"Reservations, brief comment. I have serious qualms about further decriminalizing marijuana if we don't have a pathway to legalization. I think that our current level of decriminalization is sufficient, and I don't know that we're actually solving a problem with this measure. Thank you."

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

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

"In support, thank you. Sorry to stop the roll here of those who are opposing this. I would urge members here to support this. The reason is, I

just wanted to quote from the public defender. 'Government resources should not be wasted arresting and prosecuting marijuana consumers. Unlike dangerous, illicit drugs like cocaine or crystal methamphetamine, marijuana has proven medical and health benefits and can be used safely. The FDA has recommended rescheduling marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule III drug because it meets three criteria: a lower potential for abuse, a currently accepted medical use treatment in the U.S. and a risk of low or moderate physical dependence in people who abuse it. There has never been a confirmed cannabis overdose death. Spending taxpayer dollars for criminal prosecution of marijuana is simply a waste of resources that can be better spent focusing on more serious offenses.'

"I support this, and I urge other members here to support it as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, second time. Refute the former speaker in the sense that Prosecutor Alm said, I'm going to use my words now, basically legalization is already here. Nobody gets other than a slap on the wrist if they're smoking marijuana. That was a construct that brought to me intellectually. The other day I was at a festival, a public festival, 400 people. Suddenly, a big whiff of marijuana smoke hit where I was sitting with some neighborhood board people. Ten feet away, Mr. Speaker, almost like between you and me, were the HPD. Did they get all excited and go, hey, where did that smell come from? No. They are not arresting people for marijuana smoking. It's legitimate, legal, even though you're getting a \$130 fine.

"So, to say that this is going to interrupt or be so necessary to keep these guys out of jail, slap on the wrist, \$130, it's like a parking ticket. And the fact that I saw HPD right there, and I knew if I could smell it, they could smell it, and they weren't enforcing that. So, this thing about scaring people that you're going to go to jail because you smoke a joint is total nonsense. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I'd like to point out to members that what the final committee did in this measure was to criminalize for as promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree possession of any marijuana, any marijuana concentrate, or marijuana-infused products, transferring a personal use quantity of marijuana to a person who is 21 years of age or older, or smoking marijuana in a public place.

"This actually provides a measure to allow police officers to enforce against people who are found smoking marijuana in a public place, which is some of the complaints that I found from many of my constituents. And so, I think this edition, different from the Senate draft, is a very important addition and actually does provide law enforcement with more tools to enforce against illegal, unlawful marijuana use. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. And I'd like to have the words of the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs inserted into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in opposition. I disagree with the public defender. I believe that if someone wants to, I mean, I think the public defender's point is marijuana is not as dangerous as things like heroin, methamphetamine. And that's all well and good, but it's still a drug, it's still federally illegal. And it is medically available in the State of Hawai'i already. So, all of the points the public defender brought up about it being having a beneficial use, having health impacts, that's all well and great. People here can already do that without this bill. We do not need this bill in order to get any of the benefits that the public defender is raising. It's still a scheduled drug, even if federally, they're thinking about lowering it from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule IV, III, or V, it's still a controlled substance. And I don't think that we should be decriminalizing, to this degree, a controlled substance.

"There's also no mitigation measures in this bill, as there were in the recreational marijuana bill, which I also obviously disagree with. But this

bill is in some ways worse. We're allowing up to two ounces of marijuana possession to have a \$25 fine. Two ounces is way too much. What we're doing here, we already have decriminalization up to three grams, which, you know, I also disagree with, but that's neither here nor there since it's current law.

"What we're doing right now is we're allowing people to carry enough marijuana on them to sell it. So that's really what this bill is. We've already gone through decriminalization for small amounts for personal use. Now we're going to the point where we're allowing someone to carry so much on them that it makes it that they can sell it. And with the \$25 kind of a minor slap on the wrist fine, it makes it commercially viable for them to do it as well.

"So, I'm against this bill. It doesn't have the mitigation measures of the other bill. And it's essentially promoting the ability for people to sell an illegal drug. Thank you."

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

"Reservations. I think my reservations might surprise some people, considering my historic considerations of criminal justice. But it might be better to just wait until the federal government reschedules marijuana and cannabis and then we do this all in one fell swoop. That we send a direct message to the community that we have heard their voices regarding public sentiment around cannabis and around smoking.

"I've actually been to dispensaries in California and Washington and purchased product. And it felt like I was going into a fancy wine shop, and it felt like the people selling the product were just making stuff up. And I think that there's a changing culture happening in the United States. I don't think we should do it in a piecemeal way. Maybe the better way to do it is to do a holistic approach, tell the community exactly what we've heard, what we've learned from, and how we don't want to continue to criminalize cannabis or associate it with the harder drugs that are really ravaging our communities."

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

"In opposition. It was recently mentioned that America is changing its culture with regards to criminalizing or uncriminalizing this drug. I agree. Oregon recently, I believe this past week, signed into law that they were recriminalizing a certain substance. I think that our state should be similar in having a criminalized approach to drugs."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. So, I just received an email from one of my constituents who just wanted me to point out that as the American Academy of Pediatrics noted in its 2015 report, supporting cannabis decriminalization, imprisonment represents direct removal of a person from needed roles in society, adults away from jobs, parents from young children, and adolescents away from school and their families. Furthermore, these people are placed in environments where they're likely to have close contact with people who have committed serious violent offenses or are repeat offenders.

"Hawai'i's current decriminalization law applies to only a paltry three grams, far less from any other state. This means hundreds of people are still being arrested each year for personal use amounts. With all of the harms outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i recognizes far more is personal use quantity than our medical cannabis law, which applies up to four ounces. So, as I said, this was the email that I literally just received from one of my constituents. And as it is my job to amplify their voice, I feel I have done that, and I am in support. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Tarnas rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, in support. I just want to make it clear to members here that if somebody is caught with between one and two ounces, it's a petty misdemeanor in this bill. So, make sure everyone understands. I urge your support for this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. And I just also want to clarify that this bill does nothing to change HRS Chapter 712-1249.4 and 1249.5, which are commercial promotion of marijuana in the first degree and in the second degree. So, if you are selling cannabis, it is still a crime, even if this bill were to pass. And also, for a point of clarification, even if the amount of people who are being incarcerated for this plant make up whatever the statistic was, 3% of our current arrests, that is a really harmful way to diminish the lives of several hundred people who are sitting in jail simply for this plant which has been recognized to have medical qualities. Thank you."

Representative Alcos rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, second time, opposition. This is going to change our culture. We'll be standing around in a crowd or a grocery store or at a park, this is the smell we're going to smell every day. It's going to be around us much more than what it is today. And a lot of us here doesn't smoke. And this bill, where is it going to stop? One ounce, two ounce, next time, ten ounce or maybe legal. It's going the wrong direction for our families. This is to protect our families, our kids, our *keikis*. And this bill, this drug, we can understand medically it's going to help and the bill is there, like we all been saying. So, I strongly oppose this bill. Thank you."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARIJUANA," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Chun, Ganaden, La Chica, Martinez, Quinlan, and Takenouchi voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Garcia, Garrett, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Kong, Lamosao, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Nishimoto, Onishi, Pierick, Souza, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2958, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2958, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

S.B. No. 2562, SD 3, HD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that S.B. No. 2562, SD 3, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 2562, SD 3, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Gates and Kila voting no, and with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

S.B. No. 2693, SD 2, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2693, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATES OF EMERGENCY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

S.B. No. 3036, SD 1, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 3036, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND MORALS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson being excused.

At 1:18 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2958, HD 1
S.B. No. 2562, SD 3, HD 1
S.B. No. 2693, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 3036, SD 1, HD 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Garrett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just wanted to ask this body to join me in wishing our colleague from McCully and Mō'ili'i a very happy birthday. Having worked in HR, I know age is a protected class, so I won't say how old he is now. But I will say he is not eligible to join AARP. Happy Birthday."

Representative Ward: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was nice, it was really nice. Tomorrow is the fellowship luncheon, a reminder, in Room 423 after session. We have Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Crawley, deputy command chaplain, USARPAC from PACOM. Thank you."

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 329, and the Chair "so ordered."

S.B. No. 3194, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Energy; and
S.B. No. 2342, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:20 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, April 4, 2024. (Representatives Saiki, Todd, and Woodson were excused.)