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## FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Friday, April 19, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:34 a.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Ward, who were excused.

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

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 1105 through 1107) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1105, informing the House that on April 18, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 1541, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH." (ACT 005)

Gov. Msg. No. 1106, informing the House that on April 18, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 1880, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE." (ACT 006)

Gov. Msg. No. 1107, informing the House that on April 18, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 1915, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE." (ACT 007)

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 692 through 700) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 692, transmitting H.C.R. No. 4, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW HAWAII TO JOIN AS A MEMBER," which was adopted by the Senate on April 18, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 693, transmitting H.C.R. No. 75, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING THE NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE, TO INCREASE ON-BASE HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 18, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 694, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2119, San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; HD 1 Awa

S.B. No. 2245, San Buenaventura, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; SD 1, HD 2 Shimabukuro

S.B. No. 2285, San Buenaventura, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; SD 2, HD 3 Awa

S.B. No. 2289, San Buenaventura, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; SD 2, HD 2 Awa

S.B. No. 2305, Wakai, Chair; Shimabukuro/Aquino, Co-Chairs; SD 2, HD 2 Elefante

S.B. No. 2475, Kidani, Chair; Aquino/Kim/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; SD 2, HD 2 Hashimoto

S.B. No. 2503, San Buenaventura, Chair; SD 2, HD 2 McKelvey/Keohokalole/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Awa

S.B. No. 2529, San Buenaventura, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; SD 1, HD 1 Awa

S.B. No. 2556, Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; SD 2, HD 3 Awa

S.B. No. 2557, Rhoads, Chair; SD 1, HD 1 Elefante, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 695, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1884 Rhoads, Chair; HD1 SD1 Gabbard, Awa

H.B. No. 2070 McKelvey, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; HD1 SD2 Fevella

H.B. No. 2083 Gabbard, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair; HD3 SD1 Rhoads

Sen. Com. No. 696, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2958, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 697, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1760, Dela Cruz, Chair; HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

H.B. No. 1827, Aquino, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; HD 2, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 2377, Moriwaki, Chair; HD 1, SD 1 Wakai, Fevella

H.B. No. 2404, Dela Cruz, Chair; HD 1, SD 1 Moriwaki, Fevella

H.B. No. 2430, Kidani, Chair; HD 2, SD 1 Kim, Fevella

H.B. No. 2484, Kanuha, Chair; HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 698, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 582, Dela Cruz, Chair; SD 2, HD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

S.B. No. 2725, Moriwaki, Chair; HD 1 Wakai, Fevella

S.B. No. 3034, Rhoads, Chair; HD 1 Elefante, Awa

S.B. No. 3176, Kim, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; SD 1, HD 1 Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 699, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the

consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 500, HD 1, SD 1	Kidani, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Fevella
H.B. No. 2365, HD 1, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Elefante, Fevella
H.B. No. 2690, HD 2, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard/Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs
H.B. No. 2774, HD 2, SD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Kidani/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Rhoads, Richards
H.B. No. 2471, HD 2, SD 2	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads/Aquino, Co-Chairs; Elefante, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 700, dated April 18, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 1258, SD2, HD1	Inouye, Chair; Shimabukuro, Co-Chair; Elefante, Fevella
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### INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED:	Rep. Amato
	Rep. Belatti
	Rep. Nishimoto

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

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

### ORDER OF THE DAY UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### H.C.R. No. 226:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 226, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES ON THE UPCOMING OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Hashem, and Garcia being excused.

#### H.R. No. 212:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.R. No. 212, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES ON THE UPCOMING OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Hashem, and Garcia being excused.

### LATE INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED:	Rep. Tam
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### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1926-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 128, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 128, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES TESTING GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF

HAWAII," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1927-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 27, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 27, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO ERADICATE OCTOCORAL AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE WATERS OF PEARL HARBOR," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1928-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 213, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 213, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:	Rep. Pierick
	Rep. Ganaden

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 213, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COURTS TO COLLECT, COMPILE, AND SHARE DATA ON THE ASSESSMENT OF FEES, COURT COSTS, FINES, AND RESTITUTION IN CASES AGAINST MINORS," was adopted, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1929-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 23, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 23, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO AUTHORIZE LICENSED DIETITIANS TO PRESCRIBE MODIFIED DIETS AND PLAN THERAPEUTIC DIETS," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1930-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 34 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 34, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE A ROUNDTABLE TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S THYROID FUNCTION IS TESTED BEFORE PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS FOR MENTAL ILLNESS ARE PRESCRIBED," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1931-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 97, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 97, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1932-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 115 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 115, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO INCORPORATE NET ZERO WATER BUILDING STRATEGIES WHEN CONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1933-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 183, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 183, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE APPLICABLE LAWS AGAINST LANDLORDS WHO ARE ENDING RENTAL AGREEMENTS TO HOUSE FEMA-ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH THE DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan being excused.

#### FINAL READING

REMARKS DELIVERED: Vice Speaker Ilagan

Representative Nakamura moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Quinlan were excused.)

H.B. No. 159, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 470, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 1529, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 1554, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 1936, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2337, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2395, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2396, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2400, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2426, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2463, HD 2, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2485, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2486, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2488, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, (SD 2)  
 H.B. No. 2491, HD 2, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2492, HD 2, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2493, HD 2, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, (SD 1)  
 H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, (SD 1)

#### SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

#### FINAL READING

H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 470, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 470, HD 2, SD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Belatti  
 Rep. Ward  
 Rep. Alcos  
 Rep. Marten  
 Rep. Tam

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 470, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1529, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1529, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1554, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1554, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 1936, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1936, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Pierick and Poepeo voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 2337, HD 1, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2337, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS OF WAGE

PAYMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2395, HD 1, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2395, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2396, HD 1, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2396, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2400, HD 2, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2400, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2426, HD 2, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2426, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2463, HD 2, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2463, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2485, HD 1, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2485, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2486, HD 1, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2486, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2488, HD 1, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2488, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAXATION BOARD OF REVIEW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, SD 2:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2491, HD 2, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2491, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2492, HD 2, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2492, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2493, HD 2, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2493, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

**H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Ganaden and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

At 12:31 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1  
 H.B. No. 470, HD 2, SD 2  
 H.B. No. 1529, HD 2, SD 2  
 H.B. No. 1554, HD 1, SD 1  
 H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1  
 H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, SD 2  
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 H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, SD 1  
 H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, SD 1

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

REMARKS DELIVERED: Vice Speaker Ilagan

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Lowen were excused.)

### RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Nakamura moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Lowen were excused.)

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, (SD 1)  
H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, (SD 1)  
H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, (SD 2)  
H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, (SD 1)

REMARKS DELIVERED: Vice Speaker Ilagan

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ichiyama  
Vice Speaker Ilagan

### COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

#### H.B.

#### Nos. Re-referred to:

2278, Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on SD3 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs  
2690, Jointly to the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on HD2, Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on SD1 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance

### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:34 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Pierick and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m. April 22, 2024. (Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Lowen were excused.)

### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 19, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2090, Evslin/Ichiyama/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 1, SD 2 Aiu, Miyake, Takayama, Matsumoto  
H.B. No. 2278, Gates/Nakashima/Kahaloa, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 2, SD 3 Miyake, Nishimoto, Pierick  
H.B. No. 2361, Poepoe/Tarnas/Kila, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 1, SD 1 Garrett, Ichiyama, Souza  
H.B. No. 2453, Ichiyama/Lowen/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 1, SD 2 M. Mizuno, Ward  
H.B. No. 2685, Lowen/Nakashima/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 2, SD 1 Tam, Ward  
H.B. No. 2690, Ichiyama/Lowen/Tarnas/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 2, SD 1 Aiu, Kila, Ward

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appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2085, Ichiyama/Matayoshi/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 Kila, M. Mizuno, Souza  
S.B. No. 2337, Evslin/Aiu, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 2 Morikawa, Onishi, Matsumoto  
S.B. No. 2504, Lowen/Perruso/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 Garrett, Lamosao, Ward  
S.B. No. 2537, Lowen/Cochran, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 Garrett, Kila, Ward  
S.B. No. 2575, Lowen/Ichiyama/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 1 Cochran, Ward  
S.B. No. 2727, Sayama/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 2 Morikawa, Tam, Pierick  
S.B. No. 2922, Ichiyama/Lowen/Sayama/Tarnas/Yamashita,  
SD 2, HD 3 Co-Chrs.;  
Kila, Miyake, Ward  
S.B. No. 2991, Matayoshi/Garrett, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 2 Martinez, Sayama, Alcos  
S.B. No. 3021, Lowen/Todd/Sayama/Kila, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 Matsumoto  
S.B. No. 3068, Yamashita, Chr.;  
SD 1, HD 1 Cochran, Kahaloa, Kila, Kitagawa, Miyake, Poepoe,  
Ward  
S.B. No. 3153, Ichiyama/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 Kahaloa, Morikawa, Souza  
S.B. No. 3207, Woodson/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1 La Chica, M. Mizuno  
S.B. No. 3234, Sayama/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 1, HD 2 Morikawa, Tam, Pierick

House Communication dated April 19, 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 reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 11, 2024, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, SD 1  
H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1

House Communication dated April 19, 2024, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 470, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 1529, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 1554, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 1923, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 1936, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2337, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2395, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2396, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2400, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2426, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2463, HD 2, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2485, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2486, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2488, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, SD 2  
H.B. No. 2491, HD 2, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2492, HD 2, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2493, HD 2, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2626, HD 1, SD 1  
H.B. No. 2657, HD 1, SD 1

"April 15, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members  
FROM: Speaker Scott K. Saiki /s/ Saiki  
SUBJECT: **Conference Procedures - Announcement of Final  
Conference Drafts**

Effectively immediately, when a conference committee is set to vote upon a bill in conference committee, the lead House chair is required to clearly summarize the purpose and content of the bill before the vote is taken. This applies even where the agreement only consists of an amended effective date (in other words, it is not sufficient to merely explain, for example, that "the conferees agree to the Senate amendments" or "the conferees have agreed to change the effective date to January 1, 2025"). The summary is not meant to be exhaustive; rather, it must only include a general explanation of the purpose and context of the bill and the amendments that have been agreed upon.

This disclosure requirement applies to House lead chairs and applies to both House and Senate bills. If the Senate lead chair does not summarize the content of an agreed-upon Senate bill prior to the vote, then the House lead chair must do so. This requirement also applies where the House conferees meet without the Senate in order to agree to a draft.

The purpose of this new procedure is to reasonably inform the conference committee conferees and the general public of the content of the measure that is being voted upon. An explanation is particularly helpful where no written proposed conference draft has been made available and conferees are requested to vote upon provisions that are only verbally announced. In those situations, an explanation will also assist staff who are drafting the final version of the conference draft.

Please note that because amendments to the Executive operating budget will be announced on a day-by-day basis, the Finance Chair is not required to restate amendments to the budget bill prior to the conference committee vote. Similarly, this requirement does not apply if written lists of CIP and GIA grantees are made available to the House conferees prior to the vote.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

cc: Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi  
Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk  
Rod Tanonaka, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Casey Hines, Director, House Majority Staff Office  
Thomas Kunz, Director, Minority Research Office  
Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Legislative Reference Bureau"