

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Thursday, March 20, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:13 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

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

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 7) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 7, dated March 19, 2025, transmitting the Commission on Salaries, Report and Recommendations to the 2025 Legislature, pursuant to Section 26-56, HRS.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 396 and 397) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 396, transmitting S.C.R. No. 20, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY REEVALUATE ITS POLICIES REGARDING IN-PERSON CONTACT VISITATION AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO BEST SUPPORT INCARCERATED PERSONS IN STAYING CONNECTED WITH LOVED ONES WHO CAN HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY OF REHABILITATION," which was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 397, transmitting S.C.R. No. 21, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY STAFF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE CLINICAL COUNSELING SERVICES THAT ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INMATES," which was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2025.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Amato introduced students from Kīhei Charter School: Michael May, Mia Rutheford, Katalina Perry, Maddox DelleFave, Lily Rutheford, and Finley Hazlet; teachers: Branden Hazlet and Ryan Tregilgas; head of school: Michael Stubbs; and Gene Zarro, chair, Hawai'i Public Charter School Network.

Representative Matsumoto introduced constituents from Mililani; and her family: Michael Cheape, father; Sharon Cheape, mother; and Suzanne Peterson, grandmother.

Representative Kila introduced students from Nānākuli High & Intermediate School: Daven Melchor, Erixon Fulgencio, and Jaylin Pablo; Richard Enright, CTE coordinator; and David Kaniaupio, 8th Grade assistant principal.

Representative Lee introduced Kailua Elementary robotics team: Jackson Stickels, Kelly Kowach, Ezra Lee, Oliver Craddick, Maitea Ramos, and Kaylee Kishida; and Greg Kent, Allyson Doherty, and David Thacker.

Representative Marten introduced Enchanted Lakes Elementary students and faculty.

Representative Alcos introduced his grandchildren, David and Bobby; his daughter, Tiffany; and staff, Sheila Medeiros.

Representative Nakamura introduced Kapa'a High School students and staff.

Representative Kahaloa introduced Kahakai Elementary School students; and Janette Snelling, complex area superintendent, Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena.

Representative La Chica introduced students and staff from Campbell High School, Dole Middle School, Enchanted Lakes Elementary School, Fern Elementary School, Hawai'i Tech Academy, Hilo High School, Hokulani Elementary School, Honouliuli Middle School, Kahakai High School, Kailua Elementary School, Kamaile Academy, Kanoelani Elementary School, Kanu o ka 'Āina, Kapa'a High School, Ka'u High School, Kaunakakai Elementary School, Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha, Ke Kula 'o Nāwahōkalani'ōpu'u Iki, Lab Public Charter School, Kea'au High School, Kīhei Charter School, Kohala Middle School, Koloa Elementary School, Lahaina Intermediate School, Leilehua High School, Lihikai Elementary School, Mililani High School, Moanalua Middle School, Nānākuli High School, Pāhala Elementary School, Pukalani Elementary School, Puohala Elementary School, Radford High School, Waiāhole Elementary School, Waiākea Intermediate School, Wai'anae High School, Waipahu Elementary School, and Washington Middle School; Neil Blomberg, principal, Kanoelani Elementary School; and students from Kanoelani Elementary School : Taiyo Adams, Rhian Ramos, and Benjamin Sherrard.

Representative Quinlan introduced Representative La Chica's son, Foggy La Chica.

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy introduced pharmacology students from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy: Nanea Lum, Daniel Yee, Andrew Jones, Jay Jay Libao, Poala Olvera-Munoz, Ronel Quebral, Kristen Kasal, Alyssa Joy Fulinara, Yern Florendo, Kamahao Kini-Lopes, Cierra Fujimoto, Stephanie Seip, Cherisse Villanueva, Zachary James Corpuz, and Jaydel Teppang; dean, Rae Matsumoto; and pharmacy advocate, Corrie Sanders.

Representative Ilagan introduced Stacey Bello, complex area superintendent, Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa; and Christopher Ho, student activities coordinator, Kea'au High School.

Representative Woodson introduced Superintendent Keith Hayashi.

ORDER OF THE DAY

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)**

The following resolution (H.R. No. 210) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 210, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2025 HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND THE 2025 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR SCHOOL COMPLEX AREAS IN THE LEEWARD DISTRICT, HAWAII DISTRICT, AND MAUI DISTRICT," was offered by Representative Kila.

Representative Kila moved that H.R. No. 210 be adopted, seconded by Representative Woodson.

Representative Sayama honored outstanding teachers who have gone above and beyond to provide high-quality education for their students; recognized Ms. Barros as a dedicated co-learner and collaborator who encourages students to explore their passions and is also deeply committed to her community, advocating for Hawai'i's people, land, and culture; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Robin Barros, SEEQS, 2025 Hawai'i Public Charter School Teacher of the Year.

Representative Kila shared how Ms. Clark feels a deep sense of purpose in her work as an educator; commended her efforts to expose her students to various career and trade pathways; recognized her as a mentor to aspiring

teachers; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Tenelle Clark, Wai'anae Elementary School, 2025 Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Ilagan highlighted Ms. Gouker's commitment to the betterment of our community, advocating for social, environmental, political, and economic justice; recognized her as a grassroots community activist who works to preserve cultural knowledge, practices, and heritage; acknowledged her as a strong mentor for her students; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Leah Gouker, Pāhoa High School, 2025 Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Complex Teacher of the year.

Representative Kahaloa recognized Ms. Martinez for her community engagement, collaboration, and mentorship of youth leaders; shared how she supports multilingual learners and how her advocacy has led to statewide legal protections for immigrant children; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Karla "Viviana" Martinez, Konawaena High School, 2025 Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Amato acknowledged Ms. O'Neill Prest for using her academic expertise to champion literacy, arts integration, place-based learning, and aquatics; shared how she promotes creativity and inclusivity while enhancing education through community partnerships; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Jessie O'Neill Prest, Kihei Elementary School, 2025 Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kūlanihāko'i-Maui Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Amato also recognized guests of the honorees who were seated in the gallery: Janette Snelling, Disa Hauge, Lori Yatsushiro, Stacie Kunihisa, Alisa Bender, Kim Williamson, Aubre Quon-Clark, Alicezandra Quon-Clark, Jonathan Clark, Sheldan Konno, Ed Noh, Sheryl Turbeville, Patricia Barros, Julie Cone, Emily Meng, Cara Chaudron, Stacey Bello, and Chris Ho.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 210 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

At 12:39 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1381) recommending that S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Tarnas, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1382) recommending that S.B. No. 1117, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1117, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Pierick 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 Matsumoto 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 S.B. No. 1117, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1383) recommending that S.B. No. 106, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 106, SD 1, 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 a no vote 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 Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 106, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Lamosao, Matsumoto, and Miyake voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1384) recommending that S.B. No. 1638, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1638, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"In strong support and request to enter comments into the Journal. Thank you."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"As the chair of the Aviation and Space Caucus, I wholeheartedly support Senate Bill 1638, SD 2, HD1, Relating to Air Carriers.

"This bill establishes within the Department of Transportation a three-year Moloka'i Air Carrier Subsidy Pilot Program which will provide subsidies to airlines operating out of Moloka'i Airport and requests an appropriation.

"The preamble of this bill states the following:

"The legislature finds that the lack of affordable air travel disproportionately affects Molokai residents, many of whom rely on air transportation for essential services, including healthcare, employment, and education. The legislature further finds that reliable and cost-effective air service is not merely a convenience but a necessity for residents of remote island communities. As such, ensuring that Molokai residents have access to affordable air transportation serves a compelling public interest by improving economic opportunities, enhancing access to medical care, and supporting the overall well-being of the community.'

"The crux of this bill is about ensuring access for rural communities—in this case, Moloka'i.

"These subsidies will not only allow for more competition among current air carriers in the Moloka'i air travel market, thereby prompting more affordable airfares for passengers, but it will also provide an opportunity for other air carriers to enter the market.

"With all of the executive orders and major policy changes that are ongoing at the federal level, it is important that as a state we are providing sustainable solutions to help improve our air travel situation where we can—in those instances where federal law does not preempt state law."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1638, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR CARRIERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1385) recommending that S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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. 1195, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1386) recommending that S.B. No. 747, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 747, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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. 747, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1387) recommending that S.B. No. 1402, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1402, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS IN STATE COMMERCIAL HARBORS," was referred to the

Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1388) recommending that S.B. No. 447, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 447, HD 1 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 447, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1389) recommending that S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SKILLS-BASED HIRING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1390) recommending that S.B. No. 442, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 442, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Reyes Oda 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. 442, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1391) recommending that S.B. No. 340, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 340, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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. 340, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1392) recommending that S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 2 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 Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1393) recommending that S.B. No. 329, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 329, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. If we pass this bill, the cost of water could increase in our state. So, I'll be voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 329, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1394) recommending that S.B. No. 1120, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1120, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1120, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1395) recommending that S.B. No. 1232, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1232, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Hashem, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1396) recommending that S.B. No. 1318 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B.

No. 1318, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Hashem, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1397) recommending that S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Hashem, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1398) recommending that S.B. No. 1074, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1074, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Shimizu 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 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1074, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Perruso and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato and Poepoe voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1399) recommending that S.B. No. 1669, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1669, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1669, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1400) recommending that S.B. No. 1083, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1083, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to

the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1401) recommending that S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1402) recommending that S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1403) recommending that S.B. No. 1511, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1511, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HANA LEI BAY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1404) recommending that S.B. No. 1002, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1002, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1405) recommending that S.B. No. 946, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 946, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This for me is a hard no. I can't believe we're even considering allowing an exemption for treatment plants to discharge sewage. Did we learn nothing from the U.S. Supreme Court telling Maui County that discharging even treated sewage and other such effluents, even through a well, is illegal and is a violation of the federal EPA Clean Water Act.

"I for one believe in the rule of law and following the courts. And we need to follow the Supreme Court ruling to follow the Clean Water Act while we still have one. In these times with despotic wannabe tyrants gutting the EPA and dismantling so many other federal agencies, it is up to us, the members in this chamber, to support the courts.

"Colleagues, things have changed. We can no longer just go along with all-powerful special interests just to get along. Now more than ever in our lives, we must fight and stand up and protect Hawai'i and our environment. Please join me in voting no. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. If you read the bill, you will see that the only change to existing law in this draft is removing an exemption that existed for allowing treatment plants to discharge water if they were utilizing sewage to produce clean energy. So, it is not making significant changes to existing law."

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

"In opposition. I would like to concur with my colleague from Kihei minus the wannabe tyrants. I don't think wannabe tyrants has anything to do with this bill, but I agree that we should be cautious when emitting wastewater into our oceans."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I agree with the representative that just spoke before me. And I am just in opposition, in an ideal world where we would not have to discharge sewage into our beautiful ocean. Thank you."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 946, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Garcia, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair would like to remind committee chairs that today is the second lateral filing deadline. For Senate Bills that need to move to their final committees, please file your committee reports and drafts with the Chief Clerk's Office by 9:00 p.m. this evening."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:56 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Friday, March 21, 2025. (Representatives Cochran and Ward were excused.)