

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Friday, March 21, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:10 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative La Chica introduced guests of the LifeSmarts honorees: Serina Hijirida, Gail Imai, Charla McDevitt, Daniel Choi, Jessica Choi, Cherra Shi, Lora-lea Grando, Brent Ramiscal, Mike Zane, Mitchell Otani, Stacie Kunihisa, Leala Florendo, Tyler Hijirida, Ryan Chan, Cade McDevitt, and Kit-U Wong; Dean Hazama, deputy director, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Theresa Kong Kee, Hawai'i coordinator, LifeSmarts; and her husband, Cricket.

Representative Yamashita introduced former Representative Pono Chong, husband of Representative Ichiyama; and their children, Dylan and Emily.

Representative Pierick introduced his intern, Sean Feeney.

Representative Grandinetti introduced Kawaipuna Kalipi, land back manager, Sustainable Moloka'i.

Representative Woodson introduced his staff: Christine Kubota, Angelique Ramos, and Lauren Caldwell.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 211) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 211, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE TEAMS AT THE 2025 HAWAII LIFESMARTS STATE COMPETITION AND 2025 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM DELEGATE," was offered by Representative Tam.

Representative Tam moved that H.R. No. 211 be adopted, seconded by Representative Woodson.

Representative Tam recognized students whose dedication to excellence, hard work, and perseverance have set them apart, inspiring others and making a positive impact in their school and community; acknowledged LifeSmarts for teaching students the critical life skills needed to succeed in a modern global marketplace; congratulated the 'Iolani School team on winning first place in the 2025 LifeSmarts State Competition; and introduced honorees who were seated in the gallery and on the Floor of the House:

'Iolani Raiders Team Captain: Kevin Fleming;

'Iolani Raiders Team Members: Ryan Chan, Jeremy Choi, Tyler Hijirida, and Cade McDevitt; and

Coach: Kit-U Wong.

Representative Hashem commended the dedication, countless hours of preparation, and strong teamwork of the students; congratulated the Kalani High School team on winning second place in the 2025 LifeSmarts State Competition; and introduced honorees who were seated in the gallery and on the Floor of the House:

Kalani 5.1 Team Captain: Jiaorong He;

Kalani 5.1 Team Members: Zhoulin Chen, Aileen Kang, Kouki Oda, and Leala Florendo; and
Coach: Mike Zane.

Representative Woodson reflected on the inspiring achievements of our teachers, students, staff, and schools; commended the leadership and many achievements of Wilson Chau; recognized his advocacy work and promotion of a more sustainable Hawai'i; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Wilson Chau, Senior, Maui High School, 2025 U.S. Senate Youth Program Delegate.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 211 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

At 12:24 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1406) recommending that S.B. No. 659, 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. 659, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1407) recommending that S.B. No. 125, 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. 125, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1408) recommending that S.B. No. 739, SD 2, 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. 739, SD 2, 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."

Representative Muraoka 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 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. 739, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1409) recommending that S.B. No. 1099, 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. 1099, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1410) recommending that S.B. No. 1250, 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1250, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Kahaloa and Lowen, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1411) recommending that S.B. No. 443, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 443, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 443, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Kahaloa and Ilagan, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1412) recommending that S.B. No. 330, 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 Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1413) recommending that S.B. No. 1252, 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. 1252, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1252, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1414) recommending that S.B. No. 657, 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. 657, 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 Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, 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 Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 657, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Muraoka and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1415) recommending that S.B. No. 479, SD 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. 479, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1416) recommending that S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

Representative Alcos 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. 532, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Alcos, Kila, and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1417) recommending that S.B. No. 1438, SD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1438, SD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Pierick rose 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1438, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1418) recommending that S.B. No. 850, 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. 850, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1419) recommending that S.B. No. 1279, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and 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. 1279, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1420) recommending that S.B. No. 299, 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. 299, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 299, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1421) recommending that S.B. No. 1323,

SD 2, 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. 1323, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1422) recommending that S.B. No. 1452, 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. 1452, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, 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. 1452, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1423) recommending that S.B. No. 1411, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and 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. 1411, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID THIRD PARTY LIABILITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1424) recommending that S.B. No. 1245, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and 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. 1245, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1425) recommending that S.B. No. 228, 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. 228, 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 an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Alcos 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. 228, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCITED DELIRIUM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian

Affairs, with Representatives Alcos and Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Takayama and Marten, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1426) recommending that S.B. No. 1442, SD 2, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1442, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1427) recommending that S.B. No. 414, 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. 414, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORING ACCESS TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1428) recommending that S.B. No. 1381, SD 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. 1381, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1429) recommending that S.B. No. 422, 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. 422, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1430) recommending that S.B. No. 371, SD 2, 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. 371, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1431) recommending that S.B. No. 1379, 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. 1379, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. I support the concept of establishing these readiness centers and definitely training our community and leaders to be trained in the case of an emergency. My reservation is with the physical portion of this bill that probably will cost a lot. And I feel that, again, we need more planning and preparation before we start to appropriate monies and start this process. So, I think that portion is what I have reservations about. 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. 1379, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Belatti and Hashem, for the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1432) recommending that S.B. No. 223, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 223, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1433) recommending that S.B. No. 1545, 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. 1545, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEPOTISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1434) recommending that S.B. No. 79, 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. 79, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1435) recommending that S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1170, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1436) recommending that S.B. No. 1520, 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. 1520, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Woodson and Garrett, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1437) recommending that S.B. No. 1585, 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. 1585, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1438) recommending that S.B. No. 440, 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. 440, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 440, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1439) recommending that S.B. No. 894, SD 3, 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. 894, SD 3, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Perruso's written remarks are as follows:

"As the representative for Whitmore Village, I must enter into the record my deep concerns with SB 894. This bill proposes a massive regional kitchen expansion in our small, rural community—one that is misaligned with the values and vision of what a truly sustainable farm-to-school program should be.

"The Department of Education has offered testimony in support of this bill, emphasizing logistical efficiency, high-volume production, and centralized food processing. But that is exactly the problem. SB 894 proposes to turn a model rooted in community-based food sovereignty into a top-down industrial warehouse system—right in the heart of Whitmore Village.

"As a local community member recently testified, this is not the 'farm to school' we were promised. She asked, 'Where are our small farmers in this scenario?' She's right to raise the alarm. In this bill, they are left out. Instead of empowering small, local farmers to serve their nearby schools, we are asked to fund a massive corporate-style distribution facility—at a time when our people are crying out for justice, accountability, and economic prudence.

"The regional kitchen model proposed here will produce up to 60,000 meals per day from one site in Whitmore Village, yet that food will not necessarily be grown in Central O'ahu, nor cooked by local residents for local children. It will be distributed across Central, Leeward, and Windward O'ahu by fleets of vehicles contributing to congestion, emissions, and further wear on our infrastructure—all funneled through a single-lane road already overwhelmed by military and community traffic.

"This model is not resilient. It's not local. And it certainly isn't community-centered.

"Farm-to-school should mean just that: farm. to. school. Grown in the community, prepared by local workers, and served fresh to the *keiki* down the street. This approach supports our small farms, creates real jobs in school complexes, and reduces carbon emissions by keeping food systems decentralized and hyper-local.

"Moreover, the Whitmore community is already bearing the burden of pesticide exposure. Central O'ahu has the highest reported pesticide use on the island, and we are being asked to welcome more agricultural infrastructure that could exacerbate this crisis. There is a legitimate fear in the community that this centralized hub will open the door to larger corporate agricultural players—those who push GMO products and pesticide-laden produce under the greenwashed label of 'farm to school.' That is unacceptable.

"The federal government is cutting funding. Nonprofits are closing. Civil servants are being laid off. Our working families are still reeling from COVID and the Lahaina fire. And now we are being asked to spend \$55 million in one fiscal year—to expand the already huge footprint of one mega-facility when we could have invested all of these now hundreds of millions into renovating our school production kitchens? I respectfully dissent."

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. 894, SD 3, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Perruso and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1440) recommending that S.B. No. 1391, 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. 1391, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1441) recommending that S.B. No. 819, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and 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. 819, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1442) recommending that S.B. No. 328, 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. 328, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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. 328, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1443) recommending that S.B. No. 890, SD 2, 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. 890, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1444) recommending that S.B. No. 338, 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. 338, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1445) recommending that S.B. No. 1186, 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. 1186, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1446) recommending that S.B. No. 742, 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. 742, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DATA SHARING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1447) recommending that S.B. No. 104, 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. 104, SD 2, HD 2 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. 104, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1448) recommending that S.B. No. 662, SD 1, 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. 662, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with

Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1449) recommending that S.B. No. 763, 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. 763, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1450) recommending that S.B. No. 825, 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. 825, SD 2, HD 2 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."

Representative Muraoka 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 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. 825, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1451) recommending that S.B. No. 1249, SD 1, 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. 1249, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1452) recommending that S.B. No. 1009, 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. 1009, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1453) recommending that S.B. No. 1324, 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. 1324, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1324, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1454) recommending that S.B. No. 1667, 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. 1667, SD 2, HD 2 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."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. My reservations is the testimony that was received from Judiciary, which noted that with these additional equipment, the amount of cases that they anticipate will be unmanageable for them. So, that is a concern. Thank you."

Representative Alcos 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. 1667, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos and Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1455) recommending that S.B. No. 224, SD 1, as amended in 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. 224, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1456) recommending that S.B. No. 252, 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. 252, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1457) recommending that S.B. No. 307, 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. 307, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES," was referred

to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1458) recommending that S.B. No. 353, 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. 353, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1459) recommending that S.B. No. 816, 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. 816, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Speaker. Standing in strong support. Madam Speaker, immigrants are an integral part of our community. And many of them, both documented and undocumented, are living in fear because of the current federal administration. In my office, this issue hits close to home. And with permission from my office manager, Emily Cristobal, I wanted to share that her and her family are navigating the difficult process of trying to help her auntie who is currently detained at an ICE facility in Tacoma, Washington.

"Her auntie is a green card holder, a permanent resident who is legally allowed to live in the United States. She moved to Hawai'i when she was just 14 years old. And now at 64 years old, she's stuck at a detention center, forced to wear a yellow uniform with minimal contact with her family. When she was first detained in February, Emily's aunt didn't know her rights and was unaware that she needed to seek legal counsel, which is costly and unaffordable for many. Emily and her family are paying thousands and thousands of dollars to secure legal representation for her aunt. And even with representation, they were told just this week that the next available immigration court hearing is not until July. As of right now, Emily's aunt is preparing to wait at this detention facility for four long, uncertain, and terrifying months. She won't be able to go to her work as a lab tech at the University of Washington, and she could lose her job.

"The targeting of our immigrant community is not just something happening on our phones and TV screens. This is a reality that's impacting our staff, our friends, our families, and our loved ones. It not only impacts people's livelihoods, but most importantly, can tear families apart.

"Under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution, all people who live in the United States have the right to legal counsel in criminal proceedings regardless of immigration status. Ironically, because immigration-related proceedings are civil, not criminal, this right is not guaranteed in cases like the one Emily's family is encountering. This measure would respect the rights of our immigrant community and ensure they have access to the resources they need for a fair and just court proceeding. For this reason, and out of respect for my office manager, Emily, and in solidarity with her *'ohana*, I stand in strong support of this measure. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. I'd like to acknowledge the previous testimony in support, but I do have reservations. 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. 816, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1460) recommending that S.B. No. 1221, 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. 1221, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1461) recommending that S.B. No. 1657, 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. 1657, 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 Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I believe we do currently have a process to accomplish what this bill is asking for and I believe we should not bypass this procedure. Thank you."

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. 1657, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Pierick and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1462) recommending that S.B. No. 304, 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 304, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1463) recommending that S.B. No. 1225, 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. 1225, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record 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."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with brief comment, please. You know, this bill would take away blank votes or people who'd leave it blank. And I believe that we disenfranchise voters who make the effort to register to vote. And sometimes there are valid reasons why a voter may choose to leave it blank. They're undecided, they're not sure. I can give an example of recent amendments that are worded in a way that is so confusing that a voter does not know what to do. So, I can relate to that. And even as I vote here, sometimes I'm not sure, and I wish there was an option to check the undecided. So, for that reason, I feel that we should not disqualify people who leave a blank vote. Thank you."

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

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

"In strong support. Madam Speaker, it occurs to me that voting is both a right and a responsibility. And I think that one thing I very much appreciated about the extension of time that voters have with their ballots, with our mail-in voting process, because we have additional time to do research, and we have additional time to try to better understand the nuances of the measures before us and the candidates before us. So, I think that it's reasonable to ask voters to, just as we are asked in this body to vote either yes or no on the measures before us, that we can have that same expectation for voters who have time now to do their homework. Thank you."

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. One of the biggest reasons why people leave their CONAM questions blank is because they simply don't understand what it's saying. I mean, I'm sure all of us here have had family and friends reach out, how do I vote on this? Because nobody understands the lingo.

"In recent years, the Supreme Court struck down a proposed CONAM from this building because the language wasn't simple enough to understand for the average person. If this bill passes, by the way, Hawai'i already has a very low voter engagement, always under 40%-ish. If this bill passes, we are going to give those who do participate in voting on those CONAMs, about 15% to 20% of our entire state population, the ability to amend our state constitution. I don't think this is a good idea. No vote."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Strong support, and can I have the words of the representative from Wahiawā inserted into the record as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Still in opposition. I acknowledge my colleague who was in support. I would agree in theory that people have, quote, enough time to do their research. But it's been my experience, especially as a campaigner going door to door, talking to people, regular people like us, they're so busy, they don't have the time to research.

"And it's not any fault of theirs, it's just that life is very busy. Both parents working jobs trying to pay bills, for them to be aware and confident of their vote for every single candidate for every single issue can be a stretch, and I would hope that the voters would take the time to research, and that would be a great goal, But I think we're not there yet. And I believe that by, again, disqualifying blank votes is a disqualification of people, well-meaning people, that should not be erased. Thank you."

Representative Muraoka rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of his colleague from 'Ewa and Varona Village be entered into the Journal as his 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. 1225, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT THE STANDARD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IS A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES TALLIED UPON THE QUESTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1464) recommending that S.B. No. 935, 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. 935, 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 Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 935, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1465) recommending that S.B. No. 1582, 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. 1582, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COCONUT TREE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1466) recommending that S.B. No. 597, 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. 597, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DRIVERS LICENSE REVOCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1467) recommending that S.B. No. 1285, SD 2, 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. 1285, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1468) recommending that S.B. No. 327, 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. 327, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1469) recommending that S.B. No. 1536, 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. 1536, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1470) recommending that S.B. No. 1651, 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. 1651, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1471) recommending that S.B. No. 1048, 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. 1048, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1472) recommending that S.B. No. 1365, 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. 1365, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT," was referred to the

Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1473) recommending that S.B. No. 1500, 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. 1500, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1474) recommending that S.B. No. 1281, 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. 1281, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1475) recommending that S.B. No. 191, 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. 191, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill basically reallocates our 1.5 million residents' tax dollars towards low-income people that can't afford their electric bill. Instead of decreasing the regulation in our state to allow for more competitors when it comes to providing electricity, we're instead going to tax people and then use those tax dollars to give to low-income people so they can pay their electric bill. I don't support that, I'm 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. 191, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1476) recommending that S.B. No. 1220, SD 2, 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. 1220, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1220, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1477) recommending that S.B. No. 822, 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 Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 822, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 822, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD TENANT CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1478) recommending that S.B. No. 1100, 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. 1100, 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. 1100, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1479) recommending that S.B. No. 332, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 332, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORECLOSURES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1480) recommending that S.B. No. 1035, SD 2, 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. 1035, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1481) recommending that S.B. No. 1142, 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1142, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE PROCEEDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1482) recommending that S.B. No. 1393, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1393, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS," was referred to the Committee on

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1483) recommending that S.B. No. 746, 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. 746, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1484) recommending that S.B. No. 26, 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. 26, 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. 26, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1485) recommending that S.B. No. 1541, 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. 1541, SD 1, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. My opposition is the fact that this bill leaves a blank appropriation and I'm uncomfortable leaving that option open. So, that's the basis of my opposition. 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. 1541, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIHAOLE WATER SYSTEM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1486) recommending that S.B. No. 1263, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 1263, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1487) recommending that S.B. No. 438, 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. 438, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kila rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

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

Representative Lee 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. 438, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Lee, and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1488) recommending that S.B. No. 66, 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. 66, SD 2, HD 2 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. 66, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Tam and Hashem, for the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1489) recommending that S.B. No. 439, 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 Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 439, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 439, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Tam and Hashem, for the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1490) recommending that S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 2 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."

Representative Reyes Oda 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 an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos, Matsumoto, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1491) recommending that S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and 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. 1298, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1492) recommending that S.B. No. 1501, 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. 1501, SD 2, 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. This bill would potentially lead to increased electricity costs in our state. And HECO already has some very high paid leaders, and instead of just scooping out of their salaries to decrease the cost of electricity for our utility users, this bill is going to allow HECO to increase their costs, increase their rates. So, I'm voting no."

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."

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. 1501, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1493) recommending that S.B. No. 1588, 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. 1588, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and 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."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1588, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUCLEAR ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representative Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1494) recommending that S.B. No. 558, 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. 558, 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. 558, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1495) recommending that S.B. No. 1641, 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. 1641, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1641, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII FILM COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representatives Ilagan and Tam, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology and the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1496) recommending that S.B. No. 891, 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 Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 891, 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 Garcia 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 a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I am strongly against gambling in Hawai'i as I feel that is going to be an open door for many social ills. So, I am strongly opposed to gambling. Thank you."

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

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Perruso's written remarks are as follows:

"I stand in strong opposition to SB 891, SD2, HD1, which proposes to establish a Tourism and Gaming Working Group under the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

"While I acknowledge that the House has amended this measure to require the working group to examine strategies to mitigate gambling addiction and financial harm, and to allow some flexibility in appointments and membership, these changes do not go far enough. They may gesture toward public concern, but they fail to shift the fundamental orientation of the bill: a policy process being engineered to serve powerful offshore gaming interests rather than the people of Hawai'i.

"Let's be clear—gambling is not a neutral economic tool. I come to this issue not just as a policymaker, but as someone who has personally witnessed the devastation gambling can wreak on individuals and families. It is not just a matter of revenue—it is a matter of public health, social equity, and long-term economic justice. Legalized gambling disproportionately targets working families, exacerbates poverty, and has cascading consequences for communities already struggling with housing insecurity, food insecurity, and untreated mental health issues.

"The amendments—while well-intentioned—are insufficient because they do not address the fundamental problem: the structure of this working group still enables and even encourages the domination of policy outcomes by corporate gaming entities, many of which have no stake in the well-being of our islands. It is not enough to 'study' the harms of gambling if those sitting at the table are the same ones who will profit from minimizing or externalizing those harms.

"We already see this pattern in the bill's trajectory: public members removed, corporate seats preserved, and the voices of frontline communities and Native Hawaiian leaders diminished. This is not the *pono* way to craft major public policy. It violates the spirit of the Aloha Spirit Law (HRS 5-7.5), undermines community self-determination, and opens the door to a predatory economy that monetizes addiction.

"We have seen this play out across the country: the promises of jobs and revenue too often fail to materialize for local communities, while profits are extracted by mainland corporations. The harms—addiction, bankruptcy, increased crime, and family breakdown—stay right here in our neighborhoods.

"If Hawai'i is to even consider legalizing gambling, it must be done from the ground up—with a framework built by, for, and with our communities. That means centering Native Hawaiian economic sovereignty, creating real regulatory protections before inviting industry input, and ensuring that any decisions about our economic future reflect the values and lived realities of our people.

"SB 891, SD2, HD1 fails to do that. It remains a vehicle for industry-led policy masquerading as community consultation.

"I urge the committee to reject this bill. Hawai'i deserves a better, fairer, and more transparent process for considering such a consequential policy shift."

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

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

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

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

Representative Lowen 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. 891, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Lowen, and Templo voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Grandinetti, Hussey, Marten, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1497) recommending that S.B. No. 465, 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 Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 465, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, 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. 1498) recommending that S.B. No. 148, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 148, 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 Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 148, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMBAT SPORTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1499) recommending that S.B. No. 21, 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. 21, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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. 21, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1500) recommending

that S.B. No. 589, SD 1, 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. 589, SD 1, HD 2 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 Reyes Oda rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

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. 589, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1501) recommending that S.B. No. 1269, SD 1, 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. 1269, SD 1, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I try as best as I can to do the right thing and trying to make the decision on whether I should vote yes or no. I'm trying to really pray for divine inspiration and wisdom. And for some reason, I felt like I needed to vote no on this. I confess I don't know enough about this subject. But I did not want to compromise and vote for a bill that I didn't really understand. So, that's the reason that I'm voting no right now. 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. 1269, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1502) recommending that S.B. No. 1429, 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. 1429, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Reyes Oda 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 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."

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 a no vote for her, 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 Shimizu 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. 1429, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, 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. 1503) recommending that S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2 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 to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. This bill seems to want to shun the blame onto taxpayers. And it's a pretty ugly situation when the CEO of HECO gets paid \$6.5 million, 58 times the average employee makes. This bill, along with SB 1492, continues to put the burden of cost back on the customer for negligence that the company does. So, for that I'm in opposition."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. As my colleague just explained, I think this body has tried to be very understanding and supportive of Hawaiian Electric. And for their CEOs, presidents, leaders to get millions of dollars of raises is quite an affront to the public who is struggling with their own finances. So, I'd like to oppose this bill as a protest to HECO's raises. Thank you."

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

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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Alcos voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1504) recommending that S.B. No. 146, 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. 146, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Garcia: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise on a point of personal privilege to read a statement from the Honorable Representative of District 18, Hawai'i Kai, Kalama Valley, Gene Ward. The statement reads as follows.

"*Aloha mai kākou.* This morning, a letter of resignation was tendered to Madam Speaker. I will resign from my seat in the House of Representatives effective at the end of this month.

"As you know, over the past few months, I have experienced several health setbacks, including anemia and sciatica. Recently, I was diagnosed with pneumonia. The recovery from various health issues have been a slow and painful process. Despite the many efforts of medical professionals, my recovery has been much slower and more painful in the last few weeks. In light of the recent pneumonia diagnosis, I found myself at a difficult crossroad to decide my future as a member of the Hawai'i State Legislature. Having served the great people of East Honolulu for nearly 27 years, it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to step away from my role in what I have always considered the people's House.

"Embedded in the preamble of our State Constitution, which we have all sworn to uphold, states, 'we reaffirm our belief in a government of the people, by the people and for the people.'

"Remember that the seat you now sit in is not your own, but the people's. Advocate for your constituents' concern with the passion and humility they deserve. It has been the utmost privilege to serve the great people of Hawai'i Kai, Kalama Valley, and Portlock. I wish you all well, continuing to serve the people of Hawai'i. With the warmest *aloha*, your friend and colleague, Gene Ward."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

- H.R.**
Nos. **Re-referred to:**
- 143 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
 - 191 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

- H.C.R.**
Nos. **Re-referred to:**
- 149 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
 - 199 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:08 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon, Monday, March 24, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Kapela, Kitagawa, and Ward were excused.)

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS



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MEMORANDUM

To: Speaker Nadine Nakamura
 House of Representatives

From: Representative Gene Ward

RE: Resignation from House District 18

It is with a heavy heart that I tend my resignation from the Thirty-Third Hawaii State Legislature effective Monday, March 31, 2025. Having served as a Representative nearly 27 years, I did not make this decision lightly.

Over the past few months, I have been suffering from various ongoing physical illnesses. Despite the many efforts of medical providers to bring me to full-health, I have found myself at a difficult crossroad to decide my future as a member of the Hawaii State Legislature.

Although my time has come to step away from the role of Representative, I will never stop serving the people of District 18 in any capacity I may have. I wish you well serving the people of the great State of Hawaii this session.

Gene Ward