

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Monday, April 21, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:41 a.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Cochran, who was excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 812 through 831) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 812, transmitting H.C.R. No. 25, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INCLUDE A SECTION ON DESECRATION LAWS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII PLANT AND ANIMAL DECLARATION FORM," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 813, transmitting H.C.R. No. 27, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PETITION THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF PARITY BETWEEN HAWAII AND OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES PERTAINING TO THE EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 814, transmitting H.C.R. No. 40, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO WORK WITH COMMITTED COMMUNITY GROUPS TO CO-STEWARD COMMUNITY FORESTS LOCATED ON PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE STATE'S FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 815, transmitting H.C.R. No. 42, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 816, transmitting H.C.R. No. 78, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT THAT PROJECTS WITH HOUSING UNITS THAT QUALIFY FOR HOUSING CREDITS UNDER ACT 31, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2024, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CREDITS AFTER THE REPEAL OF THAT ACT IF THE HOUSING PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BY THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, AND REQUESTING THE CORPORATION AND EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN APPROVING HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOUSING CREDITS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 817, transmitting H.C.R. No. 122, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 818, transmitting H.C.R. No. 128, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE BY RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FRESHWATER IN MAINTAINING HEALTHY NEARSHORE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 819, transmitting H.C.R. No. 130, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING TO THE INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEES AND HAWAII'ANT LAB WITHIN THE PACIFIC COOPERATIVE STUDIES UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' AT MANOA," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 820, transmitting H.C.R. No. 164, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF HAWAII, AND COUNTY OF KAUAI TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF HURRICANE REFUGES AND SHELTERS ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 821, transmitting H.C.R. No. 174, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE USE OF AINA-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS OFFERED TO YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE LEGAL SYSTEM," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 822, transmitting H.C.R. No. 180, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOMELESS COORDINATORS OF EACH COUNTY, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 823, transmitting H.C.R. No. 191, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A KAILUA BAY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 824, transmitting H.C.R. No. 200, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO TAKE FURTHER MEANINGFUL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE AXIS DEER OVERPOPULATION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 825, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

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| S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1 | Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella |
| S.B. No. 176, SD 1, HD 1 | Rhoads, Chair; Chang, Gabbard |
| S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 2 | Lee, C., Chair; Inouye/Keohokalole/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; DeCorte |
| S.B. No. 382, HD 1 | McKelvey, Chair; Chang, Co-Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella |
| S.B. No. 657, SD 1, HD 1 | Kim, Chair; Gabbard/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella |
| S.B. No. 865, SD 1, HD 2 | Kim, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella |
| S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1 | Kim, Chair; Inouye/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Fevella |

S.B. No. 1245, San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Hashimoto, Fevella

S.B. No. 1252, Kim, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Fevella

S.B. No. 1263, Chang, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 Fevella

S.B. No. 1429, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 Keohokalole/Gabbard, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

S.B. No. 1501, Hashimoto, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Fevella

S.B. No. 1502, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Fevella

S.B. No. 1526, Lee, C., Chair; Hashimoto/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs;
SD 2, HD 1 DeCorte

S.B. No. 1585, Kim, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Hashimoto, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 826, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 72, San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 302, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Keohokalole/Gabbard/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 303, San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole/Inouye, Co-
HD 2, SD 2 Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 410, Richards, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Keohokalole, DeCorte

H.B. No. 420, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 3, SD 2 Fukunaga, Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 422, Chang, Chair; Kim/Kidani, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto, Kanuha

H.B. No. 643, Kim, Chair; Gabbard/DeCoite, Co-Chairs;
HD 2, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 718, Kim, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 736, Kim, Chair; Gabbard/Lee, C., Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 740, Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Fevella

H.B. No. 1155, Kim, Chair; McKelvey, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Fevella

H.B. No. 1168, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1169, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Fevella

H.B. No. 1170, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1171, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1320, Kim, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1369, Hashimoto, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kim, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 827, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

S.B. No. 935, Senate Conferees Added:
SD 2, HD 3 Senator Rhoads added as Conferee.

Sen. Com. No. 828, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 3, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 341, San Buenaventura, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Fevella

H.B. No. 427, Gabbard, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Lee, C./Keohokalole/Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
Awa

H.B. No. 442, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 529, Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kanuha, Fevella

H.B. No. 549, Kim, Chair; Kidani/Kanuha, Co-Chairs;
HD 3, SD 1 DeCorte

H.B. No. 622, Kidani, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kanuha, Kim, DeCorte

H.B. No. 713, Aquino, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

H.B. No. 860, Lee, C., Chair; Wakai/Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 2 DeCorte

H.B. No. 934, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Kim, Awa

H.B. No. 939, Keohokalole, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 McKelvey, Richards, Fevella

H.B. No. 1052, Keohokalole, Chair; Hashimoto/Kanuha, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 2 Awa

H.B. No. 1055, Keohokalole, Chair; Wakai/Aquino, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 1 Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 1064, Elefante, Chair; Aquino/Lee, C./Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
HD 2, SD 2 Wakai, DeCorte

H.B. No. 1162, Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Elefante, DeCorte

H.B. No. 1291, Richards, Chair; Gabbard, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Keohokalole, McKelvey, Awa

H.B. No. 1300, Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1370, Keohokalole, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Awa

Sen. Com. No. 829, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 30, Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 2 Chang, Fevella

S.B. No. 65, Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Kanuha, Fevella

S.B. No. 102, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Fukunaga, McKelvey, Awa

S.B. No. 332, Keohokalole, Chair; Chang, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 3 McKelvey, Richards, Awa

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| S.B. No. 385, SD 1, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; McKelvey, Co-Chair; Awa |
| S.B. No. 822, SD 2, HD 2 | Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Chang, Fukunaga |
| S.B. No. 825, SD 2, HD 2 | Keohokalole, Chair; Hashimoto/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Fukunaga, McKelvey |
| S.B. No. 934, SD 2, HD 1 | Lee, C., Chair; Elefante, Fevella |
| S.B. No. 960, SD 1, HD 2 | San Buenaventura, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair; Fevella |
| S.B. No. 1044, SD 2, HD 2 | Keohokalole, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, McKelvey, Awa |
| S.B. No. 1142, SD 1, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; McKelvey, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, Awa |
| S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 3 | Chang, Chair; Inouye/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Hashimoto, Kanuha, Fevella |
| S.B. No. 1316, SD 1, HD 2 | Rhoads, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa |
| S.B. No. 1343, SD 1, HD 2 | DeCoite, Chair; Fukunaga/Chang, Co-Chairs; Awa |
| S.B. No. 1500, SD 2, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa |
| S.B. No. 1536, SD 2, HD 2 | DeCoite, Chair; Aquino/Kim, Co-Chairs; Awa |
| S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 3 | DeCoite, Chair; Aquino/Wakai, Co-Chairs; Kim, Fevella |
| S.B. No. 1667, SD 2, HD 3 | Lee, C., Chair; Hashimoto/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Fevella |

Sen. Com. No. 830, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

H.B. No. 1007, Senate Conferees Added:
HD 2, SD 2 Senator Inouye added as Conferee.

Sen. Com. No. 831, dated April 17, 2025, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

S.C.R. No. 192, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Garcia introduced Honouliuli Middle School students in the SOAR program: Syrai Pang-Kalama, Amaya Rivera-Manoa, Tolmar Sil, Aitasi Leituala, Karley Takayama, Tobet Kinjan, and Shysten Santos-Shoaf-Kim; teachers: Ronald Lopes and Jessica Reese Knell; and chaperone: Brian Lawton; and Sheila Medeiros from Kapolei.

Representative Olds introduced his sons: Alika and Tai Olds; and his staff, Jeanette Lum.

Representative Alcos introduced his staff, Alan Quevido.

Representative Keohokapu-Loy introduced her staff: Soana Tupua-Fanoga, Alisha Leisek, and Kevin Chong.

Representative Kila also recognized Soana Tupua-Fanoga.

At 11:47 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note that per committee referral sheet number 34, S.C.R. No. 86, SD 1, HD 1 and S.C.R. No. 145, SD 1 have been re-referred solely to the Committee on Health and Labor, respectively. The Committee on Finance waived its referral to these measures, and therefore it is appropriate for the House to consider action for adoption."

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended to reconsider action previously taken on S.C.R. No. 86, SD 1, HD 1 and S.C.R. No. 145, SD 1. (Representative Cochran was excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House reconsidered its action previously taken pursuant to the recommendation contained in Stand. Com. Rep. Nos. 2074 and 2069, recommending referral to the Committee on Finance. (Representative Cochran was excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.C.R. No. 86, SD 1, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.C.R. No. 86, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN AEROMEDICAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

S.C.R. No. 145, SD 1:

Representative Todd moved that S.C.R. No. 145, SD 1 be adopted, 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 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.C.R. No. 145, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2140) recommending that S.C.R. No. 32 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 32, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO USE INMATE WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS FOR STATE ROADWAY AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2141) recommending that S.C.R. No. 117, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 117, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF BUS STOPS ON HAWAII ISLAND UTILIZED BY CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT EACH LOCATION," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2142) recommending that S.C.R. No. 194, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 194, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTIONS IN THE USE OF DISPOSABLE SURGICAL EQUIPMENT AND ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOLLOWING EXAMPLES SET BY CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2143) recommending that S.C.R. No. 20 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 20 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 20, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY REEVALUATE ITS POLICIES REGARDING IN-PERSON CONTACT VISITATION AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO BEST SUPPORT INCARCERATED PERSONS IN STAYING CONNECTED WITH LOVED ONES WHO CAN HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY OF REHABILITATION," was adopted, with Representative Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2144) recommending that S.C.R. No. 58, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 58, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE TO INSTALL A MINIMUM SET OF ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN EACH PLAYGROUND LOCATED IN A COUNTY PARK AND TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLANS THAT ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SAFETY, CLEANLINESS, AND FUNCTIONALITY OF EACH PLAYGROUND," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2145) recommending that S.C.R. No. 31, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 31, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION,

SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2146) recommending that S.C.R. No. 121, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 121, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"I rise in support with reservations and a comment. So, this is requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Tourism and Gaming Working Group. The product of this working group will be to propose future legislation. However, my reservations lie in the fact that I actually wonder if the composition of this working group will come up with legislation to mitigate the harms that gambling algorithms are designed to have on our economically vulnerable families.

"Who will propose consumer protection bills related to effects of gambling? Should there be bans on gambling companies being able to seek orders to garnish wages? Should we allow children to sue gambling companies for third-party tortious interference when a parent gambles away their child support? I just hope that there will be some consideration given to mitigating instead of just looking to allow for profits to be generated for these gambling companies. For these reasons, I have reservations. Thanks."

Representative Muraoka rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Kaka'ako be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

"Thank you, in opposition. Gambling is an evil that invites other bad practices and other bad hobbies into the community. We have a very bad economy in our state, taxes are high, costs of things are high. And we're going to add a vice into the community, gambling, so that people who work hard for their money can then go gamble it away. And then, oh no, they don't have money to buy food or pay for their rent. This is a bad idea and so I vote no."

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

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

"With reservations, brief comment. I think you know, Madam Speaker, that I'm against legalizing gambling here. For this working group, I'm willing to see what comes out of it. But I certainly do hope that the ills of gambling and the potential negative effects of gambling are also studied and considered in the working group as well. Thank you."

Representative Grandinetti rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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 Garrett rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition with a brief comment, please. Supporters of this resolution will say it's harmless, that it's just us gathering information to help us make an informed decision. But let's be real. When you create a working group, invite representatives of gaming corporations to the table, and ask them to help draft a tourism gaming policy, you're not just studying the issue, you're scripting the outcome. This isn't research, it's a rehearsal.

"We've seen it across the country. A so-called neutral study becomes a vehicle to legitimize the industry, sideline community voices, and paint gambling as inevitable. And once that narrative takes hold, it's almost impossible to turn back. The clear sign of where this is headed, the inclusion of the Aloha Stadium developer in the working group, let's be honest, when you need a casino to make your stadium pencil out, that's not planning, that's panic, that's a bailout dressed up as a policy discussion. Their seat at the table confirms what many of us already suspect, the stadium's finances are shaky, and gambling is being used as a financial life raft.

"Madam Speaker, let's talk about the real stakes here. Legalized gambling doesn't come free. It comes with a bill our communities are left to pay. Across the country, the pattern is clear. Addiction goes up, debt goes up, family breakdown and demand on social services go up. And the promised economic uplift, it rarely materializes. And the people who suffer most, they're not tourists, they're our *kūpuna*, they're working families.

"We should be building an economy that lifts people up, not one that cashes in when they fall down. Let's not confuse motion with progress. Gambling doesn't grow opportunity, it grows dependency. And with all due respect, gambling is not economic development, it's economic extraction.

"If we're serious about high paying jobs in a diversified economy, then let's invest in education, innovation, and care, not in roulette wheels and slot machines. This resolution doesn't just open a conversation, it opens a door that we may never be able to close. So, I'll say it plainly. Don't bet on gambling to boost our economy. And don't bet against the people of Hawai'i. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I urge my colleagues to vote no."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. This resolution is dedicated to examining the potential in legalizing and regulating gaming in Hawai'i. It's not about rushing into policy, it's about doing our due diligence, gathering the facts, and initiating a structured, inclusive conversation about the future of gaming in our state.

"It's already happening. The HPD has testified that 70 to 100 game rooms operate on any time in O'ahu. And we have nothing, no legal outlet for people to enjoy this type of entertainment. The odds are worse in game rooms. I don't have to get into all the ills of what we currently have going on. This would allow a legal method, as I mentioned.

"Hawai'i remains one of only two states in the nation with a complete ban on all forms of legalized gaming. And meanwhile, states across the country have harnessed gaming as means of diversifying their economy and generating new revenue streams. It has been mentioned that it's possible to increase our job count by 6,000 jobs and a benefit of \$250 million-plus to our economy. So, I don't know any other industry currently that could provide these kinds of benefits to our state. Even in small states such as Rhode Island and Delaware, they benefit from over \$300 million and \$240 million, respectively, in gross gaming revenue.

"So, Hawai'i's leaving a substantial revenue on the table, and this would just create a working group to answer some of the questions that we have. Such as what models of gaming could work for Hawai'i, how can we ensure that responsible gaming and safeguard against addiction. But also, what kind of cultural considerations must be considered when crafting any policy. And we're such a unique state, so the framework would definitely have to be tailored to specifically fit our needs here in Hawai'i.

"Again, it's not to legalize gambling. This is to study it. To carefully collaborate with the stakeholders. We did remove the industry folks from the resolution to ensure that it's not an unfair balance. I do understand the concerns with the Aloha Hālawā developers being on board. But this is not a bailout to Aloha Stadium, Madam Speaker. This is to study it comprehensively for our entire state. So, especially in the wake of our budgetary constraints and the rising cost of living, we do need to continue to study these types of things. So, I appreciate our colleagues' support for this resolution. Thank you."

Representative Hussey rose to respond, stating:

"Sorry, still in opposition. I just want to clarify my opposition to this measure, which I did chair as the ECD vice chair. And with respect to the previous speaker, my direction in the ECD Committee was to remove the gaming corporations from the text of the resolution. So, I'm surprised to see that this version which we have before us this morning still includes references to the corporations. So, that is the reason for my opposition. Thank you very much."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I would like to adopt the words from representative from Mānoa as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Alcos continued, stating:

"I'm in opposition. And I also want to say that, illegal gambling, we have chicken fights right now, and other representatives say about game rooms that we get. About over half of the, 50% of that is illegal and drug money that they stay betting at the chicken fight, maybe at the game rooms too. And now we're going make more game rooms and have more illegals monies going around. Is that the kind of money that we want for our families and thrive our economy?"

"I think that we should, it's always not about money. It should be what kind of money that we have and how do we support our community. And not to try to make our *keikis*, our kids, and our families to go down that road where we have a lot of risk out there. So, that's part of the reason why I am opposed. Thank you."

Representative Iwamoto rose, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I actually now rise in opposition. After hearing the robust discussion, I'm changing my vote for support with reservations to in opposition. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong opposition and comments, please. Madam Speaker, as you know, I am thoroughly and strongly against gambling. If this resolution passes, I hope and pray that there would be a fair, impartial, unbiased, honest, and objective analysis to conclude without a doubt, comprehensively, and definitively, that gambling is not a viable consideration by any means.

"As someone who represents constituents who are strongly opposed to gambling, it is already discouraging and telling that this resolution has four members on the working group that have a clear bias towards approving gambling. One from Boyd Gaming Corporation, one from DraftKings Incorporated."

Representative Todd rose, stating:

"Point of order. Actually, a point of information, I guess. I'll retract, it's ok."

Representative Shimizu continued, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. One individual from BetMGM, and as was previously referenced, one individual from Aloha Hālawā District Partners, trying to be part of this working group, while there are no other counter members that have a clear objection against gambling to provide fairness and balance. Let me repeat that again. There are no other members on this working group that have a clear objection against gambling to provide

fairness and balance, whereas we have four individuals that have a clear objective that want to promote gambling.

"Additionally, Madam Speaker, this resolution tasks the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to lead this working group. Please note that HB 1308 was amended to have the same department, DBEDT, designated to lead this effort after the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs did not want to have the responsibility. And I would note that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, who is tasked to lead this working group in SCR 121, already did a 74-page analysis with the conclusion, and I read from their report in a final report response.

"The estimated tax revenue from online sports wagering is modest at best. It's a small return considering the long list of negative consequences that come with legalized gambling. Hawai'i already struggles with low average household income, some of the highest consumer debt levels in the nation, a lack of financial literacy programs, and widespread poor spending habits. Job creation is minimal. Legalizing gambling sends the wrong message. And I'm reading this from DBEDT's report verbatim.

"And finally, this proposal clashes with how Hawai'i presents itself to the world. We market our islands as family-friendly, wellness-focused, and rooted in community. Online gambling undermines that image and threatens a brand we've spent generations building.

"Madam Speaker, if this resolution passes, I would humbly ask my colleagues to please save your no votes for HB 1308. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, in support. I apologize for earlier and standing up, didn't mean to cut you off that way. I just wanted to correct the record a little bit. The House draft does not explicitly name those entities regarding the gaming corporations, that was the Senate draft, and it was revised. So, I just wanted to correct the record on that. Thanks."

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

Representative Templo 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 Pierick rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, in opposition. Would it be permissible to request a roll call vote for this measure?"

At 12:16 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 121, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A TOURISM AND GAMING WORKING GROUP," was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Chun, Kila, and Matayoshi voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Garrett, Grandinetti, Hussey, Iwamoto, Marten, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Reyes Oda, Shimizu, and Templo voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Woodson being excused.

FINAL READING

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be three motions. One to agree to the Senate amendments, one to suspend the rules for final reading by consent, and one to pass the House bills on final reading."

Representative Todd moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representative Cochran was excused.)

H.B. No. 413, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 477, HD 1, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 871, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 951, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1065, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1120, HD 2, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1152, HD 1, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1379, HD 2, (SD 1)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

FINAL READING

H.B. No. 413, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 413, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYIST CONTRIBUTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2:

Representative Todd moved that H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, in opposition. So, this bill is making it easier for people to collect unemployment. Right now, the process is you basically fill out a quick form online or in person saying, I'm trying to get a job, so therefore, give me money from the taxpayer for unemployment. This would kind of erase that process where you just click a button on a screen saying, yep, I'm, trying.

"It decreases accountability for people to say, I am really trying to find a job, and in my desperation to get a job, government, please give me a handout. I don't think we should be doing handouts. I don't think people should be getting paid to not work, they should be getting paid to work. A lot of people are hiring right now, so how about those people go get a job versus collecting unemployment. I'm voting no."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition with comments, please. I'm reading from testimony that was received from the Society for Human Resource Management testifying in opposition because they feel like the use of unemployment funds for those on strike is inappropriate, and they feel like the changes need a comprehensive review before we pass such legislation.

"Continuing on their testimony, we are concerned about any effort to expand eligibility for unemployment benefits to cover periods in which employees are on strike. We have previously testified that such a change would be an inappropriate use of the unemployment fund. The fundamental principle underlying unemployment eligibility is that benefits are available only when work is not available through no fault of the employee. A strike, by its very nature, involves a voluntary work stoppage where work is available but is declined in pursuit of other objectives. Allowing unemployment benefits in this context would fundamentally alter the character of the fund and raise serious questions about its appropriate use.

"Moreover, determinations about the legitimacy of a strike, whether it is protected, lawful, or supported by a bona fide bargaining impasse, are squarely within the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board and

the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and unemployment administrators should not be placed in the inappropriate position of second-guessing or supplanting those determinations. Employers should not be compelled to subsidize work stoppages that may directly undermine their bargaining positions or extend labor disputes unnecessarily."

Representative Sayama rose to a point of order, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a point of order. There's no reference to striking employees in this version of the bill. Just wanted to make that clear."

At 12:30 p.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess, and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

Representative Shimizu continued, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. My apologies for any ruckus I caused. Let me move on to a different testimony that is relevant, as was the other testimony. But this is from the Chamber of Commerce, a well-respected business organization that controls or is an association that has many of our important businesses. And their comment is, the proposed bill raises serious concerns. The measure's overall amendments could lead to inconsistent interpretations and hinder the effective administration of benefits, ultimately harming both the intended beneficiaries and the broader labor market. Madam Speaker, those are significant reasons why I am opposing this bill, and I would encourage my colleagues to do likewise. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I'd just like to clarify some information regarding this measure, and I appreciate the comments from the previous speaker, I apologize if I interrupted anything. I do want to clarify, there is no mention of striking employees in this measure. This is, for the general part, a bill that will help streamline and modernize a lot of DLIR's application and operations for unemployment insurance in the state.

"For example, it was previously mentioned that it would make it too easy to apply for UI, when in fact it is actually fairly difficult. And actually, the current law requires UI applications, for the most part, to be a hard copy, mailed rather than be processed online. And so, in this modern age, this measure would allow DLIR to have some of these forms done online, like best practices for many other forms in public service that the State of Hawai'i provides. So, again, this is for the most part just providing a better service to the citizens of the State of Hawai'i. So, with that, again, I just stand in support."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support. I just wanted to remind the body that individual employees contribute to unemployment insurance. It is something that they pay for, so when they claim it, it is something that they've actually contributed to, it's not just other taxpayers. Thank you so much."

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

"In support, Madam Speaker, and can I have the words of the previous two speakers inserted into the record as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 871, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 871, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 951, HD 2, SD 1:

Representative Todd moved that H.B. No. 951, HD 2, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 951, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, SD 1:

Representative Todd moved that H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This is relating to the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, and it is designed to repeal that task force. And the committee report recognizes that it's due to a lack of funding. And I just wanted to share with you that instead of repealing this law, we should be providing adequate funding. I am shocked that there is no UH or HPU student willing to take on the work as part of their thesis, perhaps.

"And I also wanted to share with this body an op-ed written by Chip Fletcher, the interim dean of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at UH. He wrote an op-ed on Sunday, this Sunday, that I'd like to read excerpts from to demonstrate why we cannot afford to repeal investment in our state's greenhouse gas sequestration efforts.

"He writes, the climate crisis is no longer a distant concern. It's here, now, reshaping daily life across Hawai'i. In 2024, the islands endured record-breaking heat, persistent drought, stronger storms, and rising seas. Each of the past 15 months shattered global monthly temperature records. This heat has serious consequences, especially for *kūpuna*, outdoor workers, and low-income residents. Crops also suffer, energy bills spike, and food insecurity deepens, especially as 85% to 90% of our food is imported, much from California's Central Valley, where in 2024 temperatures reached 125 degrees Fahrenheit.

"On O'ahu, fire incidence has surged by 400% since the 1960s. In 2023 alone, 214 wildfires scorched more than 12,000 acres statewide. Our oceans have absorbed over 90% of global warming's excess heat. But in 2024, record high ocean temperatures fueled the most extensive global coral bleaching event ever recorded, causing coral to decline sharply, undermining biodiversity, harming tourism, and threatening an \$800 million ocean economy. As waters warm, storm frequency and severity—"

Representative Lowen rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. I think we're off of the subject of the reso."

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"Can you please stick to the Greenhouse Sequestration Task Force."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"So, repealing the task force, all of these issues specifically deal with greenhouse gasses. And I am saying that we should not be repealing the work of the task force, and what I'm reading is exactly related to that work."

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Madam Speaker. Would the speaker please address the rostrum."

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"Please keep your remarks to the task force."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"Yes. The work of the task force that I am opposed to repealing because of this need. Which I think whenever we've been speaking on bills and resos, we've been identifying the impacts, haven't we, Madam Speaker? And so, I am actually doing the same thing here and now.

"The United Nations warns that unchecked climate change could erase one-third of global GDP by 2100. For Hawai'i, this is not just economic, it's existential."

Representative Lowen rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Nothing in this bill is denying that climate change exists or the impacts of it or diminishing the importance of addressing it. That's not what this bill is about."

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"Again, this is about the task force itself and the creation and the dismantling, and the repeal of the task force."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"The repeal. Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is the repeal of the task force."

Speaker Nakamura: "We're not talking about the agenda of the task force, we're talking about the task force itself."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"Correct. And the task force is designed to address the very issues that Mr. Fletcher has identified. And so, I'm basically trying to argue that by repealing this task force, because we're not allocating sufficient funding, that that is the wrong direction. So, I'm saying to keep it in the books, and I'm saying this is why we must keep focus on the work at hand.

"But decisive investment could instead grow global GDP by point--"

At 12:40 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In conclusion, we need to invest in, rather than repeal, impactful efforts that help us mitigate these devastating effects on the climate, and as a result, our economy and our livelihoods. For these reasons, I'm in opposition to this bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This is an administrative bill to repeal an existing task force that completed the study that they were asked to complete. We have numerous other task forces moving, and there is numerous task force and commissions that all these members who also chair departments or run NGOs are committed to. So, the members of the task force are also asking for it to be repealed because it has completed its purpose. And there are, again, many other venues for these issues being worked on.

"And I also just want to clarify that it is not fair to imply that the members of the Committee on EEP or the subsequent committees that heard this bill are devaluing the work that needs to be done on climate and all of the things that were mentioned by the previous speaker. This is simply one of many,

many task force working groups that we always have ongoing in the state that was passed without a sunset date.

"And that's why we should generally think about if working groups and commissions and *et cetera* should have sunset dates. Because to have every working group and every task force and every commission that we've ever created by this legislature go on forever would mean that nobody who works in any of our other departments could get any other work done. And that would not be a good place to be."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no., with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1065, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1065, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR SPECIAL FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1120, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1120, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUISANCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1152, HD 1, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1152, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

H.B. No. 1379, HD 2, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1379, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

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

- H.B. No. 413, HD 1, SD 1
- H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2
- H.B. No. 871, HD 1, SD 1
- H.B. No. 951, HD 2, SD 1
- H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1
- H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, SD 1
- H.B. No. 1065, HD 1, SD 1
- H.B. No. 1120, HD 2, SD 2
- H.B. No. 1152, HD 1, SD 2
- H.B. No. 1379, HD 2, SD 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

S.C.R.

| <u>Nos.</u> | <u>Re-referred to:</u> |
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| 86, SD1, HD1 | Committee on Health |
| 145, SD1 | Committee on Labor |

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:44 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 22, 2025. (Representative Cochran was excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1079, Marten/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 1 Kapela, Olds, Garcia

H.B. No. 1477, Marten/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 1 Garcia

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1320, Garrett/Holt, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 1 Souza

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1409, Evslin/Hashem/Miyake, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 1 Muraoka

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 952, Marten/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kapela, Olds, Garcia

S.B. No. 1120, Kila/Lowen/Grandinetti, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 La Chica, Muraoka

S.B. No. 1300, Woodson/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Amato, La Chica, Souza

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 693, Kahaloa/Kusch, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Matsumoto

S.B. No. 1186, Kahaloa/Ilgan/Kusch, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 3 Matsumoto

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 1146, Garrett/Hashem/Holt, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Olds, Souza

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day

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

S.B. No. 66, Evslin/Lamosao/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 3 Miyake, Pierick

S.B. No. 944, Evslin/Miyake, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Pierick

House Communication dated April 21, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 413, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 871, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 951, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1017, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1065, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1120, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1152, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1379, HD 2, SD 1