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SIXTEENTH DAY

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:05 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kitagawa introduced students from Waiāhole Elementary School: Kupa'a Cabral, Emery Caylor, Kian Henriques, Kalani Kaahu, Kaysan Mackenzie, Kalawai'a Purdy, Hi'ilani Richardson, Kyra Siliado, Kumu Crystal Empalmado, Kumu Kanaloa Bishop, and Mehana Bishop; and her staff: Wendy Okazaki, Kristin Lee, and Richard Seaman.

Representative Lowen introduced students from Hawai'i Pacific University: Vegas Apte, Angelina Bonet, Gavin Borja, Jordan Boucher, Dana Buhr, Matisse Conn-Parent, William Connors, Maddie Eife, Finn Griffiths, Bella Joachim, Lynn Kader, Abby Malinowski, Maggie Malloy, Nora Nikolaisen, Sebastian Penate, Sara Redfield, Gideon Sim, Hope Suprenant, and Jade Winkler-Barden; and their professor, Regina Ostergaard-Klem.

Representative Iwamoto introduced her staff, Janel Fujinaka.

Representative Pierick introduced Lora Burbarg and Brian Lawton, homeschool advocates; and his intern, Sean Feeny.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 272-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2324, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2324, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, 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 H.B. No. 2324, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 273-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2271, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2271, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 274-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2272, as

amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2272, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Speaker, ruling on a potential conflict. My husband is a firefighter, and this is a collective bargaining agreement for firefighters," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would apply through *sine die*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2272, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 275-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2273, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2273, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 276-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1661, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1661, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAFETERIA PLANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 277-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1659, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1659, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 278-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1655, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 279-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1658, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1658, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 280-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1664, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1664, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 281-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2165, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2165, 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 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 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 H.B. No. 2165, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 282-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1656, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1656, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 283-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1654, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1654, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 284-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1663, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1663, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 285-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2587, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2587, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative 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 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 H.B. No. 2587, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 286-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1688, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 287-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1614, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1614, 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 Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 288-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1612, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1612, 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 Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 289-26)

recommending that H.B. No. 1759, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1759, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Takayama 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 H.B. No. 1759, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THEFT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato and Takayama voting aye with reservations, with Representative Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 290-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1613, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1613, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 291-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1615, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1615, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 292-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1798, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1798, 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, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 293-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2037, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2037, 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, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 294-26)

recommending that H.B. No. 1850, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1850, 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 Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"In opposition. This measure increases taxes in our state. Most of our constituents don't want an increase in taxes. I encourage my colleagues to vote no on an increase in taxes."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1850, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Reyes Oda, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 295-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1635, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1635, 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, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 296-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1810, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1810, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 297-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2597, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2597, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 298-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1970, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1970, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 299-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2158, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2158, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 300-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2338, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2338, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 301-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2489, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2489, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 302-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2339, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2339, 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."

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 H.B. No. 2339, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Garcia voting aye with

reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 303-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1873, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1873, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, support with a brief comment, please. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill is about modernizing the governance of the University of Hawai'i and ensuring we have strong, capable leaders navigating an increasingly uncertain time in higher education.

"Across the country, universities face enrollment pressures, shifting federal policy, workforce demands, financial constraints, and rapid technological change. Here at home, UH is more than an educational institution. It's a major economic engine, a workforce pipeline, and a research driver that supports nearly every sector of our economy. The strength of its Board of Regents matters.

"Madam Speaker, this measure strengthens that governance structure in several ways. It requires governance training within 12 months of confirmation and every two years thereafter, ensuring regents understand fiduciary duties, accreditation, budgeting, and public accountability laws. It directs the Candidate Advisory Council to strive for a thoughtful balance of expertise, including higher education governance, finance, and large-scale leadership, so the board reflects the skills needed to oversee a complex public institution.

"It also provides a narrow exemption, allowing strategic planning retreats without full sunshine requirements, provided no decisions are made, no deliberations occur, materials are public, and attendance is noticed. This supports long-range planning, not closed-door decision making. With respect to financial disclosures, let me be clear, this bill does not eliminate filing, does not weaken the authority of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, and does not reduce conflict of interest enforcement. Regents would still file full disclosures fully subject to review and enforcement. The only question before us is whether public posting is necessary for an unpaid fiduciary governance board.

"At its core, this bill is about ensuring that the University of Hawai'i, one of the most important institutions in our state, is governed by a board that is well-trained, thoughtfully composed, and positioned to attract the strongest possible leaders willing to serve. Madam Speaker, strong institutions require strong governance. This measure moves us in that direction, while preserving accountability. For those reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this measure. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1873, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe 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. 304-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1562, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1562, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe 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. 305-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1731, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1731, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe 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. 306-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1537, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1537, 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 H.B. No. 1537, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 307-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1481, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1481, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 H.B. No. 1481, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Alcos voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 308-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1961, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1961, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Alcos rose, stating:

"I want to change mine to no vote. No vote."

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 H.B. No. 1961, 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 Gedeon and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 309-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1668, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1668, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 310-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1705, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1705, 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 H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 311-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1921, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1921, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 312-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1981, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1981, 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 H.B. No. 1981, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND GEOTHERMAL AND

UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 313-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1577, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 911 SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 314-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1561, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1561, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 315-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1925, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1925, 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 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. No vote with a brief comment, please. This is tasking Department of Education to expand their programming. And I believe they're already falling short on what their basic mandate is. And although this is an important topic, and with all due respect to the introducer, I believe that this bill is not necessary. Thank you."

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 H.B. No. 1925, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Alcos voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 316-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2296, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2296, 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 H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 317-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2293, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2293, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HARM TO STUDENTS REGISTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 318-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2301, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2301, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL LICENSURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 319-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1779, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1779, 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."

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

"Opposition with a brief comment. With all due respect to the introducer, I can understand the heart behind this bill. I just believe that with our funding shortfalls, that those who can afford to pay should pay. If I was a parent and I had children in school, I would pay because I feel that our taxes could be used for those who are in more need than my children getting a free lunch. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1779, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 320-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2300, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2300, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 321-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1840, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1840, 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, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 322-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1602, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1602, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 323-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2246, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2246, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 324-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1707, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1707, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 325-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2216, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2216, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 326-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2594, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2594, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 327-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2595, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2595, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION," passed

Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 328-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2155, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2155, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 329-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2113, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2113, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 330-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2015, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2015, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Chun, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 331-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2152, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2152, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOG ATTACKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representative Evsliin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 332-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2478, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2478, 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 H.B. No. 2478, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepe being excused.

Representatives Evsliin and Hashem, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 333-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1725, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1725, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Hashem, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 334-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1799, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1799, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 335-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1839, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1839, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1839, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMMIGRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 336-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1802, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 337-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2103, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2103, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 338-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1845, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1845, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to

the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 339-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1861, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1861, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Amato 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 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 Matsumoto 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 Gedeon 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 H.B. No. 1861, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Gedeon, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 340-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1650, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1650, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tam 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1650, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 13) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 13, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE," was offered by Representative Nakamura.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 13 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe being excused.

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. No. 12) and concurrent resolution (H.C.R. No. 10) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 12, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT LANDFILL HOST BENEFITS PROGRAM AND PROGRAM ADVISORY GROUP," was jointly offered by Representatives Reyes Oda, Kila, and Muraoka.

H.C.R. No. 10, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT LANDFILL HOST BENEFITS PROGRAM AND PROGRAM ADVISORY GROUP," was jointly offered by Representatives Reyes Oda, Kila, and Muraoka.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative La Chica: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members and legislative staff, we're very excited to announce that the order links for House jackets are now live. This year we will have fleece lined, mesh, and also for the first time we're offering Dri-FIT polos, for all of you that like to do site visits and things. And so that went out this morning. Contact my office if you have any questions. And then also orders are done by office so that to help us track orders and fulfill orders. If you can coordinate, that would help us a lot. And then finally, House pins are also ready for pickup in my office. Thank you so much."

Representative Tarnas: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a note to members, your Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee is having an information briefing today at 2:00 p.m. in Room 325. The purpose of the information briefing is to learn from experts about the current regulatory framework and industry trends in Hawai'i for medical cannabis and hemp, as well as best practices for managing these industries that protect public safety and public health, support a viable and well-regulated industry that successfully attracts consumers and suppliers away from the illegal and unregulated market.

"And the briefing will also address the need for a robust public health campaign to prevent cannabis use by those under 21 and prevent impaired drivers from operating a vehicle while under the influence of cannabis. I would invite members to join me today at this briefing. It'll also be saved as an archive video for your future viewing pleasure. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker."

Representative Tam: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today is Queer Day at the Capitol hosted by the LGBTQ+ Commission for the State of Hawai'i. They're on the Fourth Floor. So, I invite everyone to go up there and to learn about the different organizations that are out there and the resources that are available for this community and to learn more about the community. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:28 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 18, 2026. (Representatives Cochran, Lee, and Poepoe were excused.)