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## FIFTY-SECOND DAY

**Monday, April 27, 2026**

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present.

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

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES**

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 8) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 8, dated April 23, 2026, informing the House that additional funding is needed to cover the arbitration award concerning the class action grievances for Collective Bargaining Units 1 and 10, and transmitting proposed S.B. No. 3090, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 and H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, to fund the deficit.

**SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 743 through 764) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 743, dated April 24, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate for the following measures:

S.C.R. No. 195, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 744, transmitting H.C.R. No. 18, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A HOSPICE WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE TRENDS AND REGULATIONS IN THE HOSPICE INDUSTRY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 745, transmitting H.C.R. No. 35, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 746, transmitting H.C.R. No. 42, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MEET THE CRITERIA NECESSARY TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE CHEERLEADING AS A TITLE IX SPORT IN HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 747, transmitting H.C.R. No. 43, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INSTALL RAISED CROSSWALKS AT THE UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAUIKI STREET, AND KAMOKU STREET INTERSECTIONS WITH HIHIWAI STREET TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY NEAR ALA WAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 748, transmitting H.C.R. No. 53, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEMWIDE ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION AUDIT," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 749, transmitting H.C.R. No. 98, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE HOUSING PATTERN BOOK TO STREAMLINE PERMIT APPROVALS AND REDUCE REGULATORY BARRIERS

FOR SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND WELL-DESIGNED HOMES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 750, transmitting H.C.R. No. 101, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 751, transmitting H.C.R. No. 103, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCREASE TREE CANOPY COVERAGE AND INSTALL SHADE TREES IN URBAN AREAS TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF URBAN HEAT ISLANDS ACROSS THE STATE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 752, transmitting H.C.R. No. 105, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR NURSING TO COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF RECOMMENDED SAFE PATIENT STAFFING STRATEGIES AND RATIOS FOR ALL NURSING SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES ACROSS ALL HEALTH CARE SETTINGS, AND TO MAINTAIN A REPOSITORY FOR THIS INFORMATION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 753, transmitting H.C.R. No. 112, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN COMPLETING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS FOR ALL CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 754, transmitting H.C.R. No. 117, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ASSESS FOOD INSECURITY CONDITIONS AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY RESPONSE PLAN," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 755, transmitting H.C.R. No. 173, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING MAUI HEALTH SYSTEM TO COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ESTABLISH A FULL-TIME MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 756, transmitting H.C.R. No. 180, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO EXPLORE AND PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES TO COLOCATE COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING PROJECTS WITH AGRICULTURAL RESERVOIRS AND IRRIGATION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 757, transmitting H.C.R. No. 181, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF SECTION 302A-1116, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, IS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE SUBSTANTIVELY TEMPORARY POSITIONS ONLY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

Sen. Com. No. 758, transmitting H.C.R. No. 193, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT SECURITY AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC STAFFING SHORTAGES, EXPANDED STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE ESCALATING FISCAL AND ACCOUNTABILITY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTING AT STATE COURTS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 24, 2026.

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Sen. Com. No. 759, dated April 24, 2026, 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. 1576, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;  
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1741, Wakai, Chair; Chang/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs  
HD 2, SD 1

H.B. No. 1897, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;  
HD 1, SD 1 Awa

Sen. Com. No. 760, dated April 24, 2026, 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. 1618, Gabbard, Chair; McKelvey/DeCoite, Co-Chairs  
HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 1628, Fukunaga, Chair; Rhoads/DeCoite, Co-Chairs;  
HD 2, SD 1 Inouye

H.B. No. 1769, Fukunaga, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair;  
HD 2, SD 1 Lee, C., Inouye

H.B. No. 1839, Fukunaga, Chair; Wakai/Rhoads/Lee, C., Co-Chairs  
HD 2, SD 2

H.B. No. 2023, Inouye, Chair; Rhoads/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs  
HD 2, SD 1

H.B. No. 2246, Gabbard, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair;  
HD 1, SD 1 DeCoite

H.B. No. 2250, Rhoads, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;  
HD 2, SD 2 Awa

H.B. No. 2270, Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;  
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 2385, Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;  
HD 3, SD 1 Elefante

Sen. Com. No. 761, dated April 24, 2026, 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. 1032, Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;  
SD 2, HD 2 Chang, DeCoite

S.B. No. 2398, Wakai, Chair; Chang/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs;  
SD 2, HD 2 Fevella

S.B. No. 2407, DeCoite, Chair; Gabbard/Richards, Co-Chairs  
SD 2, HD 1

S.B. No. 2577, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;  
SD 2, HD 1 Fevella

S.B. No. 2765, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 1 Fukunaga, Awa

S.B. No. 2983, McKelvey, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 1 DeCorte

S.B. No. 3029, Lee, C., Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 2 Lamosao

S.B. No. 3255, Keohokalole, Chair;  
SD 1, HD 2 Lamosao, Awa

Sen. Com. No. 762, dated April 24, 2026, 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. 2054, Fukunaga, Chair; Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;  
SD 2, HD 2 Lee, C.

S.B. No. 2057, Fukunaga, Chair; Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;  
SD 2, HD 2 Lee, C.

S.B. No. 2372, Gabbard, Chair; Lee, C./Rhoads, Co-Chairs;  
SD 2, HD 2 Richards

S.B. No. 2405, Gabbard, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 2 Richards

S.B. No. 2671, Wakai, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 2 Fevella

S.B. No. 2969, Kim, Chair; McKelvey/Kidani, Co-Chairs;  
SD 1, HD 1 DeCorte

S.B. No. 3028, Lee, C., Chair; Wakai/Kim, Co-Chairs  
SD 2, HD 2

S.B. No. 3045, Kanuha, Chair; Lamosao, Co-Chair;  
SD 1, HD 2 Fevella

S.B. No. 3053, Lee, C., Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair;  
SD 2, HD 1 Lamosao

Sen. Com. No. 763, dated April 24, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on April 24, 2026 reconsidered its action taken on April 21, 2026 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.C.R. No. 195, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 764, dated April 24, 2026, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

S.B. No. 874, Senate Conferees Changed:  
SD 2, HD 2 Senator Fukunaga added as Co-Chair.  
Senator Keohokalole discharged as Co-Chair.

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Garcia introduced William Lile, president of Pro-Life Doc, and his wife, Lesley Lile; and Stacey Jimenez, executive director of A Place for Women in Waipi'o, and her husband, Chris Jimenez.

Representative Iwamoto introduced Evan Weber, Our Hawai'i; and Aria Juliet Castillo, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action.

Representative Gedeon introduced Edwin Tang, owner of Harbor Village Cuisine and Loco Moco; and Stan Wu.

Representative Ratcliffe introduced his staff: Kennedy Sales, Sarah Liu, and Madison Cahill.

Representative Kahaloa introduced her husband, Ilihia Gionson.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note that per committee referral sheet number 34, the following measures have been referred solely to the following committees: S.C.R. No. 41, SD 1, HD 1 to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems; S.C.R. No. 57, SD 1 to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology; S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1 to the Committee on Culture & the Arts; S.C.R. No. 130, HD 1 to the Committee on Education; S.C.R. Nos. 139 and 78 to the Committee on Labor; and H.R. No. 3, HD 1 to the Committee on Public Safety. The Committees on Economic Development & Technology, Agriculture & Food Systems, Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Finance waived their referrals to their respective measures, and therefore it is appropriate for the House to consider action for adoption. We will be taking up three motions."

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended to reconsider action

previously taken on S.C.R. No. 41, SD 1, HD 1; S.C.R. No. 57, SD 1; S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1; S.C.R. No. 130, HD 1; S.C.R. No. 139; S.C.R. No. 178; and H.R. No. 3, HD 1.

### RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House reconsidered its action previously taken pursuant to the recommendation contained in Stand. Com. Rep. Nos. 2201-26, 2222-26, 2208-26, 2213-26, 2197-26, 2199-26, and 1600-26, recommending referral to their designated committees.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### S.C.R. No. 41, SD 1, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.C.R. No. 41, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY," was adopted, with Representative Todd being excused.

#### S.C.R. No. 57, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.C.R. No. 57, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Iwamoto 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 S.C.R. No. 57, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN AGREEMENT ON AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION, AND COMMEMORATING THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND TAIWAN," was adopted, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Todd being excused.

#### S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.C.R. No. 99, SD 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 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 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:

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've commented on this before, and again, I comment again that I don't believe government should be competing with non-profit and trying to establish a non-profit. And I would hope that we understand that. Thank you."

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

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for 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 S.C.R. No. 99, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE ENGAGEMENT AND RELATED INITIATIVES," was adopted, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu, and with Representative Todd being excused.

#### S.C.R. No. 130, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.C.R. No. 130, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A FARMER-TO-INSTITUTION COORDINATION PLAN THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE AINA KITCHEN NETWORK ROLLOUT," was adopted, with Representative Todd being excused.

#### S.C.R. No. 139:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.C.R. No. 139 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you so much. I stand in support with comments. I'm especially very supportive, of course, and agree about a statewide workforce strategy. But for me, to wait until 2045 to come up with a final report is just ridiculous in my mind. I want to just state that there was a report out that, since the wildfires of Lahaina in 2023, Maui's population has decreased by 1,000 residents. And the increase of out-migration and declining in-migration has resulted in millions of dollars in annual income, shortage of annual income. And another survey in 2023 that took responses from 3,200 working families, 33% of those families were preparing at that time to leave due to the high cost of living and just not being able to survive here in our islands.

"So, these migration effects come with huge economic repercussions. And the residents from the fire actually have cost us \$60 million in annual income to our Maui County. And the state as a whole, \$50 million in annual income has been reduced in GET revenues. So, to compile all of these figures just of recent times and then add 19 years down the road in 2045 to come up with some solutions and some projected strategies to me is ridiculous. And so, with that, I, of course, supporting in us getting some type of process going and strategy, but the timeline really needs to be now. Thank you so much."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.C.R. No. 139, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR, FOR INCLUSION IN THE STATE UNIFIED PLAN, A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE OF THE STATE HAVE A PATHWAY TO A CAREER THAT ENABLES THEM TO LEARN, WORK, AND THRIVE IN THE STATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY GROUNDED IN COMMUNITY VALUES BY 2045," was adopted, with Representative Todd being excused.

#### S.C.R. No. 178:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.C.R. No. 178 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you so much. And so, for this one I am in support, there's just one point. So, I'm in support in the sense that subcontractors here in Hawaii are often our small business owners and are harmed by delays in retainage. And this resolution will give them a public tool to verify they're being paid on time. The government accountability to the private sector, where public agencies should not be able to quietly delay payments to contractors and a public facing website would remove this ability.

"Prompt payments keep contractors solvent, keeps projects on schedule, and reduces the cost of doing business with government and basically all

pro-market outcomes would come with this. Agencies that cannot comply simply explain why in writing, the Legislature then addresses barriers. That is a measured proportionate approach which would be very helpful. The one thing that I think is not needed here is that Public Works Division already has a built-in working model, and this resolution asked other agencies to replicate it and not to reinvent it. So, with those, yes, I'm in support, but there are just a couple things. Thank you so much."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.C.R. No. 178, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ALL STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT TO IMPLEMENT PROMPT PAYMENT TRANSPARENCY MEASURES AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES FOR ITS EFFORTS," was adopted, with Representative Todd being excused.

#### H.R. No. 3, HD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.R. No. 3, 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 Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

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

"In opposition. So, this resolution asks, 'urging the governor to take action to protect transgender members of the Hawai'i National Guard from discriminatory federal policy and permit qualified transgender service members to continue their service.' The president, Supreme Court, secretary of defense have already given rulings on this. So, this resolution is asking our governor to advocate upon transgender members at the federal level. Even if this resolution were to pass and the governor were to take action, it's not going to change the president's mind, the Supreme Court's decision, or the secretary of defense's decision. So, I'm voting no."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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 Belatti rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support with just a few remarks. Madam Speaker, in support. During the first time this administration was in office, Hawai'i stood in opposition to many of these same discriminatory policies. It's not about changing the minds of the president or the secretary of the Department of Defense. It's about announcing to the world what our values are here in Hawai'i. And almost a decade ago, Hawai'i stood for its traditions of *aloha*, compassion, and inclusion. And that's what this resolution states. So, in strong support, Madam Speaker. Thank you."

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the former speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the former speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Tam rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the former speaker be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 3, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT TRANSGENDER MEMBERS OF THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD FROM DISCRIMINATORY FEDERAL POLICY AND PERMIT QUALIFIED TRANSGENDER SERVICE

MEMBERS TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE," was adopted, with Representative Gedeon voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Todd being excused.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2255-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 8 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 8, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO ACT ON ANY BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF A RESIDENCE THAT IS PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND FOUND BY THE COUNTY TO BE ESSENTIAL TO THE SAFETY OR HEALTH OF AN OLDER ADULT OR PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2256-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 40 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 40 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 40, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ADOPT ORDINANCES BANNING THE SALE, RENTAL, AND DISTRIBUTION OF DISPOSABLE BODYBOARDS," was adopted, with Representatives Alcos and Muraoka voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2257-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 83 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 83 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. With reservations and a brief comment. Although this seems like on its face a really great idea to be able to discard lithium-ion batteries in a responsible way, giving this task to a government agency instead of current, so, for those who do not have an electric car and who've never kept it long enough to replace the battery, normally you purchase the battery at the dealership or whoever you get serviced. And then they take your old battery and they often send it to the producer of the battery, of where the batteries come from. So, it's a form of extended producer responsibility.

"And I fear that if we move towards putting government in charge of this task of receiving old batteries, we're moving in the wrong direction. We should be actually putting more responsibility on the producers and who actually create the product and ship it back to them so that they could dispose

of it or recycle whatever parts they can. So again, this is kind of going in the wrong direction when we should be again, putting more pressure on producers of the lithium batteries. Thanks."

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

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

"In strong opposition. My opposition doesn't come from the fact that we need to create a lithium-ion and all battery disposal facility. My opposition comes from the constant demonstration of the inability of the county to figure out their disposal solutions. They cannot even figure out where to put the new landfill so they're stuffing them back down in my community. So, we don't need that. My fear is this probably going to be stuffed down our throats as well. The city and county's constant failures when it comes to landfills, disposals, and the likes of, just that's where my opposition comes from."

Representative Alcos 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 support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Reservations with a brief comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm supportive and with reservations. This is requesting City and County of Honolulu to consider developing a facility to discard lithium-ion batteries. My reservation is there was no testimony, especially from City and County of Honolulu. There was no opportunity to ask questions and just find out what is the situation. So, it is a good idea for them to consider it, but I have that reservation. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Gedeon 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 a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 83, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A FACILITY TO DISCARD LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES," was adopted, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Muraoka and Reyes Oda voting no.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2258-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 179 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 179 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am in strong support with brief comments, please. So, in reference to obviously the Lahaina wildfire fire, which I am a survivor, survivors are still in a temporary housing situation. The brush clearance and open evacuation corridors are not an abstract policy. They are an immediate public safety necessity.

"Maui County already has passed this fire code in December of 2024. This resolution simply urges the county to enforce what is already enacted. The State Legislature is not overriding county authority, it is urging the county to use its own legally established tools. Negligent property owners who fail to clear vegetation shift avoidable fire risk onto neighbors and communities. And conservative property rights principles include responsibility not to harm others.

"The 2023 fire was the deadliest in our American history for over a century, and supporting enforcement of fire code provisions in its aftermath is the minimum responsible action this legislature can take. So, I really,

really ask for support on this measure and *mahalo* for all your care, love, and *aloha*. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 179, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI RELATING TO FIRE HAZARDS, BRUSH CLEARANCE, FUEL BREAKS, ROADSIDE VEGETATION CLEARING, AND EMERGENCY ACCESS," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2259-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 90, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 90, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING OR PLANNING AND PERMITTING DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH KUPUNA-FRIENDLY BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING ACCESSIBILITY AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES OPERATING HOURS," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2260-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 94 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 94, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD SURFING RESERVE," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2261-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 165, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 165, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN THE STATE," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2262-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 177 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 177 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. For this, I am in support, of course, to streamline things, and especially in reference to county permitting. The only points that I want to make is that there's no real deliverables with this. And the only one thing is to deliver a report to us prior to opening of session. But looking back on this audit that we've been waiting for, this hasn't happened. For me, there's just no really much teeth in that statement being put upon audits and reports and everything moving through the leg. And there's no real timeline given.

"So, I think it would be best for us to have a streamlined process as a deliverable in this. And also, the comments from Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, who supports people with disabilities, they, of course, also support streamlining, but they don't want it to inadvertently bypass compliance with federal and state accessibility laws and building codes. So, with that, supportive and just wanted to make some comments. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 177, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVENE A COOPERATIVE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS STATE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE COUNTY PERMITTING," was adopted.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2263-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 159, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be adopted.

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

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 159, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS TO ADOPT SHARED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PLANNING, FINANCING, AND UNDERTAKING OF EFFORTS FOR THE RESTORATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BEACHES, SHORELINE, AND COASTAL AREAS OF WAIKIKI," was adopted, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2264-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 173, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 173, 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 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. 173, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS EVENT TICKET SCALPING IN HAWAII," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2265-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 78, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 78, 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 Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Muraoka 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 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 78, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STRENGTHEN MENSTRUAL HEALTH EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE MENSTRUAL CYCLE CURRICULUM," was adopted, with Representatives Gedeon and Muraoka voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, and Pierick voting no.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2266-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 114, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 114, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. I rise with reservations with brief comments, please. So, I'm all about audits. Like them. Department of Education Internal Audit Office is requested to conduct semiannual performance and management audits of the DOE and its attached agencies for the objective of increasing student academic success and workforce readiness. But the only pathway mentioned in the SCR is through reallocation of revenues. Reallocation of revenues seems like only a small piece needed to achieve this objective.

"In my opinion, this SCR reveals a lack of a well thought out results chain. Additionally, performance and management audits go beyond Internal Audit Office's scope. For example, this SCR calls for looking into academic performance of existing programs compared to the strategic plan, objectives for the Department of Education. This would require more than an audit, but an evaluation. Which would require more time and likely a different skill set from existing staff. With that, those are my reservations. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 114, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INTERNAL AUDIT OFFICE TO CONDUCT SEMIANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES," was adopted, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2267-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 162, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 162, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ESTABLISH A K-12 KAIAPUNI SCHOOL IN KAPOLEI," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2268-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 48 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 48, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS ARE PERPETUAL AND REMAIN VALID UNTIL REDEEMED, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO RECOGNIZE THESE CREDITS WITHOUT EXPIRATION DATES," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2269-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 160 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 160 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. I rise in opposition to this resolution. While I appreciate the intent behind a housing ladder program, this resolution asks four state agencies to collaborate on yet another new government initiative without a single dollar of accountability attached. No performance metrics and no timeline for results. We already have agencies responsible for housing. We already fund counseling, job training, transitional assistance through existing programs. What we don't have is evidence that adding another layer of bureaucratic coordination will actually move one family off a waiting list or into a market-rate home.

"I want to briefly draw my colleagues' attention to something State Auditor Les Kondo issued an urgent mid-audit warning about the Kahale Initiative flagging nearly \$1.7 million in improper, unsupported invoices connected to Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing office. The auditor himself said that waiting for the final report would result in continued exposure of public funds to inappropriate costs. The current control environment, in his words, does not provide reasonable assurance that improper billing will be detected or prevented.

"This resolution asks us to bring SOHHS to the table as a lead collaborating agency on a new program. We should not be expanding the mandate or directing any new resources toward an office currently under active audit scrutiny. Accountability must come before expansion. Hawaii's housing crisis is fundamentally a supply problem. Government-managed graduation programs don't build a single new unit. They redistribute administrative effort.

"If we are serious about housing mobility, we should be reducing permitting barriers, incentivizing private development, and getting government out of the way. Not creating new interagency task force that include agencies the auditor is currently investigating. So, with all of that, I urge, please, my colleagues to vote no. *Mahalo*."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 160, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE, STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A HOUSING LADDER PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES GRADUATE INTO UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia voting no.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2270-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 87 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 87, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO EXAMINE REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PURSUE EXISTING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2271-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 28, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 28, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 28, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A STATE OF HAWAII COMMEMORATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS MEDAL," was adopted, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2272-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 74 be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 74 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support with a brief comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I love this resolution and I want to encourage the state auditor to follow up and perform the audit. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"In strong support. Madam Speaker, this resolution is exactly what this House needs. So much in fact that I would like to collaborate with any of my colleagues here in turning this into a bill. If this resolution goes through, and then in fact, if we can push it through a bill, it seems like the first step in bringing back trust and transparency in the government. And for those reasons, I'm in strong support."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to my fellow colleagues' comments, I support that. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. And I have always stood for one principle above all others when it comes to government spending, and that's accountability. Emergency declarations should never become a blank check. Between 2020 and 2025, Hawaii agencies issued no-bid contracts under emergency proclamations that suspended normal procurement safeguards. The public deserves to know whether these contracts were justified, fairly priced, and awarded without favoritism.

"The National Kidney Foundation contracts referenced in this reso have already raised serious questions. When public money flows to private vendors outside the competitive bidding process, the burden of proof falls on government to show it was spent wisely. Not on taxpayers to prove otherwise, as I currently mentioned in a past reso about the auditor and us awaiting a final report. And that was with HomeAid and DHS in Lahaina temporary housing built since the fire.

"This audit doesn't grow government, it doesn't spend new money, it shines a light on how existing money was spent when nobody was watching. Madam Speaker, if we claim to stand for fiscal responsibility, we must be willing to ask the hard questions, especially when the answers might be uncomfortable. So, I urge a strong aye vote and I do support the idea of making this a bill. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. May I have the words of the representatives from Wai'anae and Lahaina entered as if they were my own. Brief comment, Madam Speaker, is I believe we might be passing on some of the emergency powers legislation. I think that this resolution is going to become critically important as the Legislature moves forward in future sessions. And so, this, as stated by the previous two speakers, is an instance of where there should be absolutely strong bipartisan support for this kind of accountability and call for transparency. The impacts to our state budgets because of no-bid contracts that are evading the procurement process raises very, very serious concerns moving into the future. Thank you, Madam Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 74, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF NO-BID CONTRACTS ISSUED BY STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES UNDER PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING STATES OF EMERGENCY DURING THE SIX-YEAR PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECEMBER 31, 2025," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2273-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 20, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 20, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2274-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 55 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 55, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HAWAII WATER SAFETY COALITION'S HAWAII WATER SAFETY PLAN," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2275-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 69 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 69, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE HAWAII STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL," was adopted.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2276-26) recommending that S.C.R. No. 32 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, 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 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT CARRYING CAPACITY STUDY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN," was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Representatives Belatti and Tarnas, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1752, HD 1, SD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1752, HD 1, SD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1-26 and H.B. No. 1752, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

##### H.R.

##### No.    Re-referred to:

3,        Committee on Public Safety  
HD1

##### S.C.R.

##### Nos.    Re-referred to:

41,        Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems  
SD1,  
HD1

57,        Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
SD1

99,        Committee on Culture & Arts  
SD1

130,       Committee on Education

HD1

139        Committee on Labor

178        Committee on Labor

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:40 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 27, 2026, 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. 2433,    Tarnas, Chr.;  
HD 1, SD 1       Perruso, Poepoe, Garcia

House Communication dated April 27, 2026, 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. 903,     Tarnas/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 2       Kahaloe, Garcia

S.B. No. 2101,    Lowen/Perruso, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 1, HD 1       Matsumoto

S.B. No. 2550,    Woodson/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 1, HD 1       La Chica, Olds, Souza

S.B. No. 2983,    Tarnas, Chr.;  
SD 1, HD 1       Poepoe, Garcia

House Communication dated April 27, 2026, 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. 2581,    Belatti/Tarnas/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;  
HD 2, SD 2       Shimizu

House Communication dated April 27, 2026, 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. 2024,    Woodson/Lee, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 2, HD 1       La Chica, Olds, Souza

S.B. No. 2075,    Ilagan/Hussey, Co-Chrs.;  
SD 1, HD 2       Gedeon

S.B. No. 2730,    Tarnas, Chr.;  
SD 2, HD 1       Poepoe, Garcia