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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 9:11 a.m., with Speaker Nakamura 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-Sixth Day was deferred.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 811 through 815) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 811, dated May 1, 2026, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

H.B. No. 1391, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 Senator Hashimoto added as Co-Chair.
Senator Dela Cruz discharged as Co-Chair.

Sen. Com. No. 812, dated May 1, 2026, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

S.B. No. 1166, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 2, HD 2 Senator Dela Cruz added as Co-Chair.
Senator Inouye discharged as Co-Chair.

Sen. Com. No. 813, dated May 1, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolution in final form:

S.C.R. No. 162, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 814, dated May 1, 2026, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1515, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1721, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1737, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1740, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1920, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2246, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2282, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2297, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2031, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2153, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2494, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2519, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2532, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2614, HD 2
S.B. No. 2623, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2667, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 3073, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3083, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 3118, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3140, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3154, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 815, dated May 1, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on May 1, 2026 reconsidered its action taken on April 28, 2026

in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolution and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.C.R. No. 173, SD 1, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Matayoshi introduced from HSTA: Jason Bradshaw, government relations specialist; and Sarah "Mili" Milianta-Laffin, teacher lobbyist.

Representative Ichiyama introduced her staff, Jhen Elizondo.

Representative Chun introduced staff and volunteers from the American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network.

Representative Kahaloa introduced members of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, including former Senator and OHA Trustee Brickwood Galuteria.

Representative Iwamoto introduced Kay Brady and Henry Curtis.

At 9:16 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR #1

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please refer to Supplemental Calendar #1.

"As you know, the Senate President and I waived the Friday midnight deadline for the filing of committee reports and conference drafts for certain measures which were agreed upon in public on Friday evening. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the procedural reasons why these reports and proposed drafts were not listed on Friday night and the reasons why the President and I waved the deadline.

"In November of 2025, the Senate President and I prepared the legislative timetable, setting May 1, 2025 as the last day to file fiscal bills for constitutional decking purposes prior to final reading. In April of this year, the President and I signed the Joint Conference Committee Procedures that provided in paragraph 11C that all conference committee reports for fiscal bills must be filed by 11:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1. However, several conference committees, even though they had reached agreement on the substance of their measures, did not have the time to prepare and adequately review the conference reports and final form of the conference drafts prior to the 11:30 p.m. deadline.

"The President and I exercised our powers under Rule 13 of the Conference Committee Procedures to grant an exception to this deadline for these measures, which were agreed upon in public. We allowed them to be filed with the respective clerk's offices by midnight. But two bills could still not meet this deadline. We then granted an additional exception to allow these two bills to be filed between midnight and 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 2.

"The President and I felt that since the conferences had reached timely agreement on their bills, allowing these measures to die based on an internal filing deadline was not in the best interest of the people of Hawai'i. Rather, we felt it important to exercise the discretion that the procedures gave us to waive that deadline and ensure that drafting agencies had time to properly prepare reports and drafts, and chairs had adequate time to review them before filing them for final decking. When facing similar situations in the past, previous legislatures followed the same procedures we are following with these measures.

"The conference reports and conference drafts for the measures received by 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 are listed in today's Supplemental Order

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of the Day. These measures will receive the required 48-hour notice of final form, as required by the Constitution, and will be before this chamber for final reading on Friday, May 8."

Representatives Takayama and Keohokapu-Lee Loy, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239-26 and S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR MEDICAL SERVICES," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

Representatives Garrett, Matayoshi, and Todd, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240-26 and S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

ORDINARY CALENDAR

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Floor amendments. Members, we are back on the regular Order of the Day. We will first take up a few measures out of order. Please turn to page 24 and refer to CCR No. 43-26."

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43-26 and S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Evslyn offered Floor Amendment No. 3, amending S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 2069, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by adding a new section at page 5, line 1, to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation may spend up to \$20,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 from the dwelling unit revolving fund for the equity pilot program established pursuant to Act 92, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023."

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 2069, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by renumbering sections 4 and 5 as sections 5 and 6, respectively.

Representative Evslyn moved that Floor Amendment No. 3 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Evslyn rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. The CD 1 in front of us on this bill extends the sunset for the DURF Equity Pilot Program. There's a current statutory limit of \$10 million that can be utilized from DURF for the pilot program. This proposed amendment in front of us would raise the ceiling to \$20 million, giving HHFDC an additional \$10 million to put towards the program. This is vital to ensure that the highly successful DURF Equity Pilot Program can continue to be funded with this extension of sunset. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 3, amending S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:43 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Members, please turn to page 25 and refer to CCR No. 50-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50-26 and H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Chun offered Floor Amendment No. 4, amending H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1 as follows:

Section 1. House Bill No. 1334, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 1, is amended by amending section 159- (d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to change the word "virus" on page 3, line 3, to "disease", and to read as follows:

"(d) The axis deer meat donation pilot program established pursuant to this section shall be operative on an island with a population over one hundred fifty thousand but less than two hundred thousand; provided that if a recognized outbreak of a known disease, as determined by the department of agriculture and biosecurity, exists in the pilot program location, the pilot program shall not continue until the outbreak is resolved, as determined by the department."

Representative Chun moved that Floor Amendment No. 4 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, this floor amendment just makes clear that in the event of an outbreak of a known disease, the meat donation pilot established by this measure will not continue until the outbreak is resolved as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. For these reasons, I urge everyone to support the floor amendment. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 4, amending H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT DONATION," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:45 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 4 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Members, please turn to page 27 and refer to CCR No. 63-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63-26 and H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Templo offered Floor Amendment No. 5, amending H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 1753, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 6, is amended by changing the effective date from upon approval to July 1, 2027, to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2027."

Representative Templo moved that Floor Amendment No. 5 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Templo rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, in support. Before you is a floor amendment for H.B. 1753, the Hawai'i Social Media Data Deletion Act, which extends the effective date from upon approval to July 1, 2027. This amendment provides social media platforms with additional time to develop and implement the internal system necessary to ensure user accounts and personal data are deleted in a verified and timely manner. It will also allow additional time to further refine and narrow the definition of social media platform, which in its current form may be overly broad. I respectfully ask for your support. *Mahalo.*"

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 5, amending H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:47 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 29 and refer to CCR No. 73-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73-26 and S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Chun offered Floor Amendment No. 6, amending S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 2169, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 1, page 3, lines 14-19, to read as follows:

"Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the agribusiness development corporation to acquire real property or any interest therein, except for real property owned in a county with a population of more than 125,000 but less than 195,000 and certain public lands, by condemnation pursuant to chapter 101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, under certain circumstances."

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 2169, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 2, page 5, lines 1-7, to read as follows:

"(7) Acquire by condemnation pursuant to chapter 101 any real property, including fixtures and improvements, or any interest in real property, except real property owned in a county with a population of more than 125,000 but less than 195,000 and public lands as defined in section 171-2, for the purposes of this chapter;"

Representative Chun moved that Floor Amendment No. 6 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, this floor amendment clarifies that this measure applies except for real property owned in a county with a population of more than 125,000 but less than 195,000 and certain public lands."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 6, amending S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:48 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 31 and refer to CCR No. 88-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88-26 and H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Hashem offered Floor Amendment No. 7, amending H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 1823, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 5, is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on June 30, 2030."

Representative Hashem moved that Floor Amendment No. 7 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Hashem rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, the floor amendment is a very simple floor amendment, which just adds a sunset of July 30, 2030, to the underlying bill."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 7, amending H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:49 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 7 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 34 and refer to CCR No. 114-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114-26 and S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Todd offered Floor Amendment No. 8, amending S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 3125, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 1, page 1, lines 2-3, to read:

"SECTION 1. Section 235-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:"

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 3125, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 1, page 13, lines 13-14, to read:

"(p) This section shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2029."

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 3125, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 2, page 13, lines 15-17, to read:

"SECTION 2. Section 235-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read as follows:"

SECTION 4. Senate Bill No. 3125, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 9 to read:

"SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that:

- (1) Section 1 shall apply retroactively to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025; provided that the amendments to section 235-12.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026;
- (2) Sections 2, 3, and 4 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026;
- (3) Section 6 shall take effect on January 1, 2028; and
- (4) Section 5 shall take effect on January 1, 2029."

Representative Todd moved that Floor Amendment No. 8 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Todd rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"In support. This amendment is just clarifying in nature and does not make any substantive changes. Just making sure that the Department of Taxation is comfortable that the language is not contradictory within the bill. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 8, amending S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:51 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 8 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 38 and refer to CCR No. 140-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140-26 and H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Todd offered Floor Amendment No. 9, amending H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 2275, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the governor may authorize the transfer of up to \$100,000,000 in funds appropriated out of the major disaster fund pursuant to this part to other state agencies to address disaster recovery costs; provided that the governor, in a written determination, specifically finds that the reallocation or use of the moneys transferred is essential to address an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare arising from the emergency; provided further that the governor shall transmit a written notice of that determination, including a detailed justification, to the legislature within five days of each use of this authority, or as soon as practicable under exigent circumstances; and provided further that the written determination shall include the date of transfer, the amount of the transfer, the program ID of the program to which the funds were transferred, and an explanation of the purpose of the transfer of resources; and provided further that any funds relating to this part that are not expended for this purpose shall lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2027.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the governor shall submit to the legislature, no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027, a summary report containing the aforementioned information for each use of this authority for the previous twelve-month period from December 1 to November 30.

Any reallocation or use of funds pursuant to this part shall be limited in scope and duration to that which is strictly necessary to address the emergency, and shall terminate upon the ending of the emergency or upon legislative action."

SECTION 2. House Bill No. 2275, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by renumbering the existing section 9 as section 10.

Representative Todd moved that Floor Amendment No. 9 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Todd rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, in support. This floor amendment would provide some language for the appropriation to the Major Disaster Fund that if it's not expended it would lapse back to the General Fund on June 30, 2027. And it would also add some guardrails and reporting. This language has been vetted by the administration, and they are comfortable with these requirements. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 9, amending H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:52 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 9 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 50 and refer to CCR No. 217-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 217-26 and S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Hashem offered Floor Amendment No. 12, amending S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 as follows:

Section 1. Senate Bill No. 2401, S.D.1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 2, is amended by:

1. Amending page 6, lines 11-17 to read as follows:

"(f) Any shoreline adaptation pathways plan shall engage in community-engaged planning to determine the appropriate shoreline adaptation pathway when considering the impacts to public trust resources; impacts to private property; the social, cultural, environmental, and economic impacts of each potential shoreline adaptation pathway considered; and a comparison of potential alternative options."

2. Amending page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 11 to read as follows:

"(g) Upon finalization of a shoreline adaptation pathways plan, the office may transmit the shoreline adaptation pathways plan, together with any comments and recommendations, to the board of land and natural resources for consideration; provided that the plan:

- (1) Satisfies the requirements of this section;
- (2) Is consistent with applicable state and county land use policies; and
- (3) Provides coordinated, regionally appropriate shoreline adaptation pathways to best preserve public trust resources, public beaches, public access, and that may secondarily also reduce the risk of loss of structures along shoreline properties."

Section 2. Senate Bill No. 2401, S.D.1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 3, is amended by:

1. Amending page 10, line 17 to page 11, line 4 to read as follows:

"(f) An applicant may submit to the board a shoreline adaptation pathways plan that meets the requirements of 225M-. The board, upon approval of the plan, may approve an application for a conservation district use permit for a shoreline adaptation pathway that is consistent with the shoreline adaptation pathways plan and prioritizes the preservation of public trust resources. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority or discretion of the board to impose conditions on or deny the application."

2. Amending page 11, lines 5-19 to read as follows:

"(g) The board may authorize a permit for temporary erosion control measures where an immediately dangerous shoreline condition affecting a structure has extended beyond the period authorized under an emergency permit. The applicant shall demonstrate a concerted effort to develop and implement a long-term shoreline adaptation pathways plan that prioritizes the preservation of public trust resources and that will allow the temporary erosion control measures to be removed. The applicant shall demonstrate the capacity to provide for the removal of the temporary erosion control measures.

For the purposes of this subsection, "concerted effort" means a bona fide effort to develop and implement a shoreline adaption pathways plan within a regional shoreline mitigation district pursuant to section 225M-. "

Representative Hashem moved that Floor Amendment No. 12 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Hashem rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I stand in support. The floor amendment is to just correct some drafting errors that we had in the original CD. The intent of the bill is still the same."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 12, amending S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGIONAL SHORELINE MITIGATION DISTRICTS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 9:54 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 12 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 53 and refer to CCR No. 238-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 238-26 and S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Matayoshi offered Floor Amendment No. 11, amending S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 2471, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by changing the date in section 6 on page 7, line 9; section 10 on page 16, line 3; section 18 on page 28, line 8; section 20 on page 32, line 19; and section 21 on page 37, line 9, from January 1, 2027, to July 1, 2027, beginning from which entities may no longer expend moneys on or participate in any election activity or ballot-issue activity.

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 2471, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by amending the nonseverability language in section 6 on page 11, lines 14 to 19; section 10 on page 20, lines 2 to 7; section 16 on page 25, lines 2 to 7; section 18 on page 29, line 19, to page 30, line 3; section 20 on page 36, lines 14 to 19; and section 21 on page 38, line 19, to page 39, line 2, to read as follows:

"If a final judgment, no longer subject to appeal, by a court of competent jurisdiction limits, invalidates, or enjoins the operation of this subsection, in whole or in part, in any respect, including as applied to any person, entity, or circumstance, or renders this subsection as having no legal effect, in whole or in part, in any respect, including as applied to any person, entity, or circumstance, as of the entry of such judgment, then the entirety of Act ____, Session Laws of Hawaii 2026, shall be deemed invalid and have no force or effect."

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 2471, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 27, is amended by changing the effective date from January 1, 2027, to July 1, 2027, to read as follows:

"SECTION 27. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2027."

Representative Matayoshi moved that Floor Amendment No. 11 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Matayoshi rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, as you know, the House inserted a fail-safe provision into this bill. The provision has two parts. One of them is if the court strikes down a certain provision in the bill, the fail-safe will trigger. Another allowed the attorney general to determine if the provision was unenforceable, then the fail-safe would also trigger. After speaking with the current and former AG and a number of other legal scholars in the field, we've determined that we want to leave in the court fail-safe but remove the AG fail-safe.

"We also bolstered some of the language, making it very clear that the court, if it makes a decision, the federal district court, if it make a decision like in the previous Yamada cases, the fail-safe will still trigger. And we are pushing back the effective date another six months to July 1, 2027 to allow the next legislature to correct any unforeseen consequences that this bill might present."

Representative Souza rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, thank you. I rise in support of the floor amendment. I would usually just defer to my colleague who is offering the floor amendments and his remarks in support, but I think this measure is too important to not make the record absolutely clear, especially as this measure moves forward. So, I do rise in support.

"And the current language in S.B. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 granting the attorney general authority to invalidate a law on constitutional grounds should be removed because it fundamentally disrupts the balance of powers. Determining the constitutionality of a law is the role of the Judiciary, not an executive branch official. This concern is not limited to a single provision, it is embedded throughout the bill wherever 'foreign corporation' is referenced.

"The bill repeatedly states, if this subsection is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction or determined to be unenforceable in the opinion of the attorney general, then Act ____, Session Laws of Hawaii 2026, shall be deemed invalid and have no force or effect. This language gives the attorney general's opinion the same practical effect as a court ruling, allowing a single executive official to nullify an enacted law without judicial review.

"This is particularly problematic because constitutional interpretation is often unsettled and evolves over time. Reasonable legal minds frequently disagree. By inserting this language across multiple sections, the bill creates a standing mechanism for the attorney general to act as a one-person constitutional arbiter, converting legal uncertainty into a unilateral decision and denying the courts the opportunity to issue a definitive ruling. There is already a well-established process to address unconstitutional laws, judicial review. Once enacted, laws can be challenged in court through a transparent adversarial process with checks and appeals. Injecting the attorney general into this role after enactment is not only redundant, it is obstructive.

"Finally, concentrating this authority in a single executive office creates the potential for overreach. It undermines legislative independence and reduces accountability to the public who elect lawmakers, not the attorney general, to make policy decisions. For these reasons, this language should be removed to preserve the separation of powers and maintain a fair, balanced lawmaking process.

"Instead, the language in the amendment before us today, Floor Amendment No. 11, is better suited to achieve the objective desired. And I want to thank all of the community members who have been reaching out in support of this particular change. So, *mahalo*, Madam Speaker, and my colleague from Kāne'ohe. Thank you."

Representative Matayoshi rose to respond, stating:

"Still in support. Thank you to the previous speaker. The purpose of inserting the AG in here was specifically to address a kind of case that already happened in Hawaii'i regarding election contributions. So, in this case, the court issued an injunction for both the plaintiffs but did not, or refused to, apply it generally, and the State of Hawaii'i itself decided to not enforce it. So, in that case, we did not have a clear definitive court ruling that this provision was unconstitutional or whatnot, but the state took it upon itself to refuse to stop enforcing it. So, in this case, it was kind of analogous to the AG.

"Again, though, we have clarified the language in the bill through this floor amendment to make sure that if this situation happens per court order, the fail-safe will still trigger. So, I don't think we need the AG language in there right now. But the reason we put it in was not to give the AG some sort of *carte blanche* power to do this, it was to address a specific situation that has already happened in the courts of the State of Hawaii'i, or the federal courts of the State of Hawaii'i, to address that problem. Thank you."

Representative Souza rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to acknowledge the words of the former speaker and also just say that, in effect, the AG would have the authority to make this null and void, and it's highly unusual to insert this language. So, thank you, and I stand on my words."

Representative Belatti rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

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"Madam Speaker, thank you. In support. May I have the words of the representative from Makakilo and Kapolei adopted as if they were my own. Brief remarks, really brief. I really think that this session is going to be defined with the theme of how equal branches of government act and conduct ourselves. And that while I appreciate the intent of the attorney general language, I think the removal of it is very wise, and that as we craft these kinds of clauses moving forward, that we really, really pay attention to the balance of powers, the separation of powers, and checks and balances. Thank you, Madam Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 11, amending S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE POWERS OF ARTIFICIAL PERSONS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried.

At 10:01 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 11 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Members, please turn to page 1, we will be taking up the state executive budget."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125-26 and H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Hi, in support, Madam Speaker. *Aloha*. At the midpoint of our session back in March, I gave a two- or three-minute speech on the budget and described it as a work in progress in the wake of uncertainty. While we cannot be adequately prepared for every possible outcome, the budget before us today positions the state well to respond to both our present and future needs. Through our work with the Senate and the administration, we have crafted a budget that preserves our essential services, stabilizes our financial plan, and ensures the health and safety of our people.

"As this is the second year of our biennium, HB 1800 is a supplementary budget bill, which tweaks the plan that was set forth last year. The Finance Committee staff has spent months digging into departmental budgets, oftentimes staying here late at night and on weekends, to make sure that no stone was left unturned. In the past, the budget has been described as a statement of values. With that in mind, this bill makes large investments in our social safety net, dedicating expanded resources for SNAP and Medicaid. It provides assistance for local farmers and small businesses, and protects and perpetuates our natural resources through the first set of appropriations for the Green Fee.

"In addition, while identifying areas where we can spend less without hurting government operations, we've made it a priority to have no cut to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and have dedicated over \$35 million in direct appropriations and additional funding to reduce the wait list and improve quality of life for homesteaders.

"When I last spoke on the budget and tax plan, I asked for patience and expressed confidence that we would find a way forward in spite of our challenging financial outlook. Today, we can present a budget and tax plan where middle-class families receive an even larger tax cut than what was promised in Act 46, essential services are secure and even expanded, and our financial plan is stable. Thank you to the Senate and administration for their partnership, and to both the Majority and Minority Caucuses for their patience and understanding. We are all in this together, and the Finance Committee is looking forward to the work ahead. *Mahalo*."

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

"In support with reservations. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to acknowledge the Finance chair, the committee, and all of his staff for the

great effort. I want to acknowledge that I can see the tremendous effort and thought that was put into this. Of course as a minority caucus, we probably would have done some things a little differently, and that's the cause for reservation. But I want to acknowledge and *mahalo* the Finance chair and committee. And also, for taking the time to brief our minority caucus with his update. I think our caucus really appreciated that respect. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

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."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I really appreciate everyone's pretty much blood, sweat, tears, energy, effort into this difficult task of balancing this budget and making sure we try to please all the people all the time. But once we wrap our head around that that will never happen, then we can live in our own skin moving forward. I'm rising in support with reservations and with some brief comments, please.

"So, as I've notated all throughout this session in reference to the Kauhale Initiative, I still see proviso line items in this budget for \$24.4 million for FY 26 and \$18 million for FY 27, and despite the auditor's warnings that were presented to all of us here. So, that is the primary reason for my reservations in voting this budget through at this time. So, thank you for this opportunity. Again, thanks to everyone's efforts. *Mahalo*."

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

Representative Yamashita rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in support of HB 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, with the following comments.

"In an attachment to the March 12, 2026, Council on Revenues report states that significant changes from the January 2026 report include a fiscal year 2026 increase in non-revenue receipts based in part on the Plavix litigation settlement.

"The Council of Revenues report also states that the Department of Budget and Finance prepared an attachment updating its projections for changes in non-tax and special tax revenues from its January 2026 report which includes a significant increase in non-revenue receipts, presumably including the Plavix settlement.

"HRS Section 328L-3(a)(2) states that 'Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any moneys received through a civil action in which the State is a party and no other law or court order specifically provides for the deposit elsewhere of the moneys received through the actions; ...' shall be deposited into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (EBRF) administered by the director of finance.

"The March 12, 2026, Council on Revenues report indicates that 'There is still a tremendous amount of uncertainty that will influence collections over the next several fiscal years caused by policy changes at the Federal level. There is uncertainty due to the current war in the Middle East as well.' Hawai'i is also entering into an unpredictable hurricane season.

"For these reasons, I believe that the director of finance should consider transferring the Plavix settlement moneys into the EBRF."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran,

Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Hussey being excused.

At 10:07 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

At 10:07 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

At this time, the Chair recognized the Clerk who announced:

"Madam Speaker, I have been informed by a representative of the President of the Senate that the conference committee report for H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 was adopted, and said House bill, Relating to the State Budget, passed final reading in the Senate at 9:58 a.m. on May 6, 2026.

"In addition, I have been informed by the Assistant Clerk of the House that at 10:10 a.m. on this day, H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 was duly transmitted by the Legislature to the Governor, pursuant to Article VII, Section 9 of the Hawai'i State Constitution."

CONSENT CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be no discussion as these are items agreed to by this body for placement on the consent calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11-26 and S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13-26 and S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEAF INDIVIDUALS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14-26 and S.B. No. 3073, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3073, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17-26 and H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support.

"I rise today in support of this measure, which establishes clear and meaningful standards for *'ōkolehao*—a traditional Hawaiian distilled spirit made from fermented *kī* root.

"*'Ōkolehao* carries deep historical and cultural significance in Hawai'i. Once recognized around the world, it is a product that is uniquely ours—rooted in place, practice, and tradition.

"But without clear standards, the name *'ōkolehao* can be used loosely, diluting its authenticity and undermining both its cultural integrity and its economic value.

"This bill changes that. It ensures that *'ōkolehao* is truly of Hawai'i, distilled here, and grounded in ingredients grown here, protecting the identity of this spirit for future generations.

"At the same time, this measure creates real economic opportunity. Around the world, place-based products like bourbon and tequila have demonstrated how strong identity protections can support local agriculture, grow manufacturing, create jobs, and build destination industries.

"Hawai'i has that same opportunity with *'ōkolehao*—to support our farmers, uplift local producers, and create a uniquely Hawaiian experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else.

"Importantly, establishing these standards at the state level also positions Hawai'i for federal recognition, helping to secure *'ōkolehao*'s place in national and global markets as a distinctive product of our islands.

"This is about protecting culture, strengthening our local economy, and investing in a future that is rooted in Hawai'i. For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your support. *Mahalo*."

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"For too long, Hawai'i has seen its products and practices exploited, with big businesses from afar capitalizing on things special to us with little to no relation to our traditions or our native intelligence.

"*'Ōkolehao*, a spirit distilled from the root of the *lā'ī*, is a part of Hawaiian history dating back to the late 18th century.

"It represents the ingenuity of Native Hawaiians and an opportunity to grow a globally recognized industry.

"HB 2475 safeguards a piece of our cultural history while allowing Hawai'i to emerge as a leader in the distilled spirit market.

"To shield our legacy and economic potential, I stand in strong support of HB 2475 and urge my colleagues to do the same."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18-26 and H.B. No. 2246, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

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, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21-26 and S.B. No. 2532, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2532, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION'S ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24-26 and H.B. No. 2297, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2297, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30-26 and H.B. No. 1920, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1920, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31-26 and H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

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On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32-26 and S.B. No. 2153, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2153, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"This measure takes an important step toward bringing clarity and consistency to how we define 'bona fide farmer' and 'bona fide agricultural activity' in Hawai'i. These definitions matter because they shape eligibility for programs, access to resources, and how we support our agricultural community.

"By convening a working group to develop a thoughtful, multi-tiered framework, this bill ensures that future policies are informed, fair, and grounded in the realities our farmers face.

"This is foundational work that will strengthen agriculture in Hawai'i moving forward. I urge your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2153, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33-26 and S.B. No. 3140, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3140, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36-26 and H.B. No. 2282, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2282, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37-26 and S.B. No. 3083, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3083, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38-26 and S.B. No. 2031, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2031, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39-26 and S.B. No. 2519, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2519, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40-26 and S.B. No. 2667, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2667, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45-26 and S.B. No. 874, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 874, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46-26 and S.B. No. 2043, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2043, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53-26 and H.B. No. 2314, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2314, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF CARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58-26 and S.B. No. 2108, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2108, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURISDICTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59-26 and S.B. No. 3136, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3136, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-26 and H.B. No. 1959, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1959, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67-26 and H.B. No. 2279, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2279, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT ORDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70-26 and H.B. No. 2078, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2078, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HABITUAL VIOLENT CRIME," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71-26 and H.B. No. 2293, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2293, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HARM TO STUDENTS REGISTRY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74-26 and S.B. No. 2607, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2607, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75-26 and S.B. No. 2964, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2964, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78-26 and H.B. No. 1481, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1481, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85-26 and H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86-26 and H.B. No. 2361, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2361, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KANEHOE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89-26 and S.B. No. 2050, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2050, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90-26 and S.B. No. 2397, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2397, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91-26 and S.B. No. 2876, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2876, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97-26 and S.B. No. 99, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 99, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98-26 and S.B. No. 2138, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2138, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99-26 and H.B. No. 2289, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2289, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE CEILING ON THE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100-26 and H.B. No. 2319, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2319, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101-26 and H.B. No. 1711, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1711, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103-26 and S.B. No. 3138, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3138, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF DEPOSIT BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104-26 and S.B. No. 3076, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3076, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108-26 and H.B. No. 1785, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1785, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative La Chica's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Last year, the Legislature passed Act 140 to help address the school bus crisis by expanding the Department of Education's ability to use alternative transportation options, including smaller vehicles and other flexible service models during emergencies. That law was an important first step in helping restore routes and expand transportation capacity. However, even after Act 140, many students across Hawai'i continued to experience canceled routes, long waitlists, and unreliable service because another major problem still remained: when contractors failed to fulfill routes they were already contracted to provide, the department lacked a clear and workable process to quickly intervene and enforce accountability.

"HB 1785 addresses that accountability gap. Under existing practice, DOE often faced an 'all-or-nothing' situation where they could not easily remove only the unserved portion of a contract without jeopardizing the entire agreement. This bill gives the department explicit authority to suspend or remove underperforming routes after five consecutive instructional days without service and immediately secure replacement transportation through emergency procurement authority. It also strengthens enforcement by authorizing financial penalties against contractors that fail to perform, with those funds directed back toward restoring transportation services for students.

"Together, Act 140 and HB 1785 work hand in hand: one expands transportation options during the crisis, while the other ensures the department has the authority and accountability tools necessary to actually enforce contracts and respond quickly when service breaks down.

"Colleagues, for too many families across Hawai'i, unreliable school bus service has meant missed work, disrupted schedules, increased absenteeism, and uncertainty about how their children will safely get to school. This measure is about making sure that when transportation failures happen, the department can respond quickly instead of leaving families stranded. I respectfully ask for your support of this important measure."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1785, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109-26 and S.B. No. 2881, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2881, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112-26 and H.B. No. 1518, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1518, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116-26 and H.B. No. 2158, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

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, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118-26 and H.B. No. 2207, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2207, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In strong support.

"This measure strengthens our fight against invasive species by giving our farmers and communities another practical tool to protect their crops, particularly from the coconut rhinoceros beetle, which continues to threaten our agriculture, environment, and way of life.

"In Kona, we are already seeing the impacts firsthand. An active infestation has spread across West Hawai'i, with detections from Kailua-Kona up to Kiholo Bay, damaging palms and putting crops like banana and *kalo* at risk.

"By allowing the use and distribution of fine mesh netting, we are supporting on-the-ground solutions that help prevent damage before it happens, especially as communities work to contain and slow the spread.

"This is a smart, targeted step that complements our broader biosecurity efforts across the state. I urge your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2207, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119-26 and H.B. No. 1801, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1801, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123-26 and S.B. No. 2600, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2600, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124-26 and H.B. No. 2300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure helps strengthen and clarify the implementation of our local food procurement efforts within the Department of Education. By refining the procurement threshold and preventing the artificial division or parceling of contracts, this bill helps ensure greater transparency, accountability, and fairness in the procurement process.

"Importantly, this measure continues to support opportunities for local farmers, ranchers, and food producers to provide fresh, Hawai'i-grown products to our schools. Keeping these procurement pathways strong helps keep more of our food dollars in Hawai'i, supports local agriculture, and improves access to healthy local food for our students.

"This bill builds on the intent of Act 134 (2025) and strengthens our broader farm-to-school and local food systems efforts across the state. I urge your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126-26 and H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Templo's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Human trafficking remains a serious issue that often operates in silence and in plain sight. As a state whose economy is deeply connected to tourism and hospitality, Hawai'i has a responsibility to ensure that workers in transient accommodations are equipped with the tools to recognize warning signs and respond appropriately.

"HB 1960 strengthens awareness, training, and accountability by directing the development of educational resources and procedures for employees of hotels, motels, and other transient accommodations. Frontline workers are often in positions where they may observe indicators of exploitation before others do, and this measure helps provide them with the knowledge and confidence to act.

"Recent national attention surrounding the release and discussion of records connected to the Jeffrey Epstein case has once again highlighted the disturbing realities of exploitation, trafficking, abuse of power, and the failures that can occur when warning signs are ignored. These conversations have underscored the importance of vigilance, accountability, and ensuring that systems are in place to better identify and respond to potential trafficking situations before more harm occurs.

"This measure reflects Hawai'i's commitment to protecting vulnerable individuals, supporting survivor-centered approaches, and fostering safer communities. *Mahalo* to the advocates, survivor support organizations, service providers, law enforcement partners, labor organizations, hospitality workers, and community members who continue working tirelessly to combat human trafficking across our state. Thank you as well to everyone who submitted testimony, shared personal experiences, provided professional expertise, and voiced support for this measure throughout the legislative process.

"*Mahalo* to the Women's Legislative Caucus for prioritizing this measure, and to the vice speaker and co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus for the guidance and support throughout the process. *Mahalo* as well to the House chairs of Tourism, Labor, Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, and Finance, and the Senate chairs of Judiciary, Labor and Technology, and Ways and Means for advancing this measure through your respective committees. Thank you also to both the Senate and House conferees for finalizing the language of this measure.

"A special mahalo to the Senate vice president for championing this measure on the Senate side, and to the assistant majority floor leader for helping initiate and elevate the importance of this issue.

"Through our collective efforts, this measure will help make Hawai'i's transient accommodation sector safer and, more importantly, strengthen protections and support for victims and survivors of human trafficking in our communities."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137-26 and S.B. No. 2921, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2921, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139-26 and H.B. No. 2547, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2547, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141-26 and H.B. No. 2452, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2452, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-26 and H.B. No. 2339, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2339, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Amato and Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145-26 and H.B. No. 1509, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1509, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146-26 and H.B. No. 1661, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

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, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAFETERIA PLANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147-26 and H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148-26 and H.B. No. 2272, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2272, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-26 and H.B. No. 1707, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

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, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-26 and S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155-26 and H.B. No. 1853, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1853, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support.

"HB 1853 recognizes the growing impact that dementia and Alzheimer's disease are having on Hawai'i's families, caregivers, and healthcare systems. Establishing the Hanai Memory Network Program helps create a more coordinated and compassionate support system for individuals living with dementia and for the loved ones caring for them.

"This bill is especially important for rural and neighbor island communities, where access to specialists, memory care services, and caregiver support can be limited. Families in places like West Hawai'i often face long wait times, travel burdens, and fewer healthcare resources when seeking dementia-related care. By building a stronger statewide network of specialists and community-based support systems, this measure helps bring services, guidance, and care coordination closer to the communities that need them most.

"As Hawai'i's population ages, this investment is about dignity, quality of life, and ensuring that no family has to navigate these challenges alone. I urge your support of the final passage of this measure."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1853, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156-26 and H.B. No. 1804, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1804, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157-26 and H.B. No. 1854, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1854, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158-26 and H.B. No. 2095, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2095, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165-26 and H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

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, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176-26 and H.B. No. 1973, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B.

No. 1973, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178-26 and H.B. No. 1894, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1894, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183-26 and S.B. No. 3320, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3320, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloo's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure continues the important work we began several years ago through the establishment of the Food and Product Innovation Network to strengthen Hawai'i's food manufacturing, value-added agriculture, and economic diversification efforts.

"This bill recognizes that supporting local agriculture is not just about growing food—it is also about building the infrastructure, regulatory support, branding, workforce development, and market access needed to help local businesses scale and compete. Too often, our farmers and food entrepreneurs struggle to move beyond small-scale production because they lack access to processing facilities, distribution systems, food safety guidance, and export pathways.

"By integrating food safety and regulatory support, establishing measurable performance indicators, strengthening statewide branding alignment, and improving logistics and market access, this measure helps create a stronger ecosystem for Hawai'i-made products.

"Importantly, this measure also supports broader goals around food security and economic resilience. For rural and neighbor island communities, food manufacturing and value-added production create opportunities for local job growth, entrepreneurship, and keeping more of our agricultural dollars circulating within Hawai'i.

"This is the kind of long-term investment that helps diversify our economy, support local producers, and strengthen Hawai'i's ability to feed itself into the future. I urge your help to vote in support of SB 3320."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3320, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FOOD AND PRODUCT INNOVATION NETWORK," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184-26 and S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188-26 and H.B. No. 2583, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2583, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloo's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure helps expand access to capital for Hawai'i's small businesses by establishing the Hawai'i Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Program within DBEDT. By creating loan loss reserves and credit enhancement tools, this bill helps reduce lending risk and increases the

ability of local lenders to provide micro-loans to entrepreneurs and small businesses that may otherwise struggle to access traditional financing.

"This is especially important for small businesses, family-owned operations, startups, farmers, food producers, and neighbor island entrepreneurs who often face barriers accessing capital despite having strong ideas and community demand. For many local businesses, even relatively small loans can mean the difference between growing operations, purchasing equipment, hiring employees, or surviving unexpected economic challenges.

"This measure also complements the broader work being done to diversify Hawai'i's economy by strengthening local manufacturing, value-added agriculture, and innovation sectors. Access to flexible micro-lending can help local entrepreneurs move from cottage-scale operations into sustainable businesses that create jobs and keep more economic activity rooted here in Hawai'i.

"For rural and neighbor island communities in particular, expanding access to financing helps create pathways for local ownership, economic resilience, and community-based growth. This is a smart investment in Hawai'i's small business ecosystem and long-term economic future. I urge your support in passing this bill."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2583, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189-26 and H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRADE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195-26 and S.B. No. 3245, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3245, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200-26 and S.B. No. 3204, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3204, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201-26 and S.B. No. 3324, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3324, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 204-26 and S.B. No. 411, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 411, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT STATE SMALL BOAT HARBORS AND STATE PARKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 206-26 and S.B. No. 2934, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2934, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMBULANCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 209-26 and S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 214-26 and S.B. No. 2756, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2756, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure provides needed funding for equipment for the Hawai'i Island branch of DOCARE, strengthening the state's ability to protect our natural and cultural resources.

"On Hawai'i Island, conservation enforcement covers vast and diverse areas—from our coastlines and nearshore waters to forests, trails, hunting areas, and protected cultural sites. Ensuring our officers have the equipment they need is essential to public safety, resource protection, and effective enforcement.

"This investment helps DOCARE respond more effectively, support our communities, and uphold our *kuleana* to care for Hawai'i's *'āina*, *wai*, and *moana*. *Mahalo* for your support of SB 2756."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2756, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 221-26 and S.B. No. 2271, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2271, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITAL LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 222-26 and S.B. No. 2272, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2272, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 224-26 and S.B. No. 3137, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3137, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure helps modernize and strengthen Hawai'i's food safety framework by consolidating food-related provisions under a clearer and more consistent structure within Chapter 328, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

"Importantly, this bill also creates a stronger foundation to support Hawai'i's growing food manufacturing and value-added agriculture sectors by establishing a more specialized structure within the Department of Health's food safety system. By creating distinct focus areas within the branch, the state will be better positioned to support both traditional food safety operations and the evolving needs of local food production and manufacturing.

"This measure will also help make Hawai'i's food manufacturing sector more nimble as we continue growing local entrepreneurs and small businesses in this space. As more producers move from small-scale operations into larger commercial manufacturing, it is critical that our

regulatory systems are responsive, efficient, and able to support innovation while still maintaining strong food safety standards.

"This bill is not only about regulation—it is about building the infrastructure necessary to support local producers, strengthen our food systems, diversify our economy, and expand opportunities in Hawai'i's growing food manufacturing sector. I urge your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3137, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 225-26 and S.B. No. 1432, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1432, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONCERNING PATIENTS, THE COUNTY OF KALAWAO, AND THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 227-26 and S.B. No. 2360, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2360, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 229-26 and S.B. No. 2075, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2075, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 234-26 and S.B. No. 3302, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3302, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support.

"This measure helps expand opportunities for Hawai'i's farmers, food producers, and small entrepreneurs by authorizing and regulating farm kitchens on the same basis as home kitchens producing homemade food products.

"For many small agricultural producers, especially in rural and neighbor island communities, value-added production is one of the best ways to increase revenue, reduce waste, and build more sustainable local businesses. Allowing farmers to safely prepare products directly from their farms creates new opportunities to turn locally grown ingredients into jams, baked goods, sauces, dried products, and other locally made foods.

"This bill also helps lower barriers for small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs who may not yet have access to expensive commercial kitchen space. By creating clearer pathways for farm-based food production, we are helping support local agriculture, strengthen food security, and grow Hawai'i's food manufacturing economy from the ground up.

"Importantly, this measure maintains the role of the Department of Health in establishing rules and safeguards to ensure food safety and consumer confidence. This is a practical and thoughtful step toward supporting local producers, increasing economic opportunity, and building a more resilient local food system. *Mahalo* for your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3302, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMEMADE FOOD PRODUCTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 235-26 and S.B. No. 3045, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3045, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 237-26 and S.B. No. 2259, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2259, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 10:29 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3073, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2475, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2246, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2532, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2297, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1920, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2153, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3140, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2282, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3083, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2031, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2519, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2667, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 874, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2043, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2314, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2108, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3136, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1959, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2279, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2078, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2293, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2607, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2964, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1481, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2361, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2050, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2397, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2876, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 99, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2138, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2289, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2319, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1711, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3138, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3076, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1785, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2881, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1518, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2158, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2207, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1801, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2600, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2921, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2547, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2452, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2339, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1509, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1661, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2271, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2272, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1707, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2340, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1853, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1804, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1854, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2095, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1973, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1894, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3320, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2583, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3245, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3204, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3324, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 411, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2934, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2756, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2271, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2272, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3137, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1432, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2360, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2075, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3302, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3045, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2259, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please remember to submit to the Clerk the list of House and Senate bills on the consent calendar for which you will be inserting written comments in support or in opposition. This must be done by adjournment of today's floor session."

ORDINARY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12-26 and S.B. No. 2494, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2494, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRUPTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15-26 and H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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 H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16-26 and H.B. No. 1721, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1721, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19-26 and H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, the measure before us may seem so small but it has such a huge impact. Madam Speaker, over the interim I spent a lot of time with our communities in our district. And during that time, I got to connect with the Nānākuli-Wai'anae homeless liaison who serves in the DOE. Madam Speaker, the Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex has one of the highest unhoused populations with over 600 students in our DOE schools. It is so high that we are the only complex that has two coordinators to help support this initiative.

"Through the conversations and discussions with these coordinators, they shared often the biggest barrier with working with these unhoused students is just trying to get an ID. A lot of our unhoused youth may actually be in foster home, foster care, or unaccompanied. But current law, without parental support, prohibits them from getting an ID at the age of 18. We talk about making fair laws, I think it's one thing. But try to make laws equitable.

"With this measure before us, although it has a delayed implement date of a year, it has the chance to really uplift a lot of our young people who are experiencing homeless or unhousedness and just trying to put themselves one step forward. An ID is a pathway to getting a job, an ID is the pathway of going to college. And when we talk about legislation that we bring from our communities, it was from those homeless coordinators that we present this before the body.

"So, it may seem so minuscule, but in one year it may have a huge impact on our youth. And those youth will one day grow up to potentially have a great pathway because of this legislation that we are passing today. So, I really want to thank my colleagues for helping move this bill forward. And I look forward to seeing how we can continue to uplift our most vulnerable in the Legislature."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I would just like to have the comments made by the representative from Nānākuli inserted into the Journal as if they were my own, and a brief comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this measure. Young people are being asked more of themselves these days, especially with the high pressures of family life. And by giving them civil identification cards, it opens a lot of doors for them and opportunities to be part of society and to function in society. So, for those reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this measure before us," 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 H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Garcia and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20-26 and H.B. No. 1516, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1516, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahalua moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20-26 and H.B. No. 1516, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee and H.B. No. 1516, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representative La Chica being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22-26 and S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahalua, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONNEL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23-26 and S.B. No. 3154, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahalua, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3154, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Cochran and Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25-26 and H.B. No. 1737, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1737, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise in opposition. I have concerns about the language in this bill that removes the requirement that the families living in the farm dwelling, the worker housing, do not have to have any income associated with agricultural production. I realize that it is very important to have places for our farm workers to live. And I really appreciate the work that's been done on this. But in some districts, there is a lot of pressure to use agricultural land as residential land. And for that reason, I have concerns."

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do just want to clarify that the language for the definition of a farm dwelling. Currently in statute there's two operative pieces of that definition, a unit has to be accessory to a farm or the occupants have to have income from the farm. The current county interpretation statewide is that the accessory to a farm definition essentially trumps the income producing definition. So, nobody is checking for income currently because all these units are accessory to a farm. So, this was simply cleanup language, it doesn't actually change the on-the-ground interpretation of the definition of a farm dwelling.

"For the second component of the bill, the farm employee housing, you guys all know I'm a champion for accessory dwelling units. I have long been concerned about ADUs on ag land. There's a lot of potential for abuse when we're allowing ADUs on ag land. An ADU can be, essentially, just a large single-family home. Often ADUs on ag land can be CPRd off from the main home and sold, this leads to a speculative market and the chopping up of our agricultural land.

"The intention of the bill here is twofold. To set some boundaries on what that accessory unit could look like, 800 square feet and it cannot be CPRd off from their main unit. This is to ensure that it's allowed but it's likely to go to a family member or an agricultural worker. And by defining it then counties would, presumably, allow that type of unit and hopefully not go the whole way down, allowing for a full ADU. Counties still have a lot of flexibility over what they're allowing and not allowing on ag land, but this at least sets some guardrails on that front. Thank you."

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of her colleague from Kailua 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 H.B. No. 1737, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM EMPLOYEE HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Amato and Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Marten, Perruso, and Poepeo voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-26 and S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

ROUGH DRAFT

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

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

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

Representative Garcia's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to Senate Bill 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1.

"Madam Speaker, while this measure may be well intentioned, it creates a serious and unnecessary risk by leaving the position of chief election officer in a state of uncertainty, something this body should not accept lightly. The chief election officer is not an optional or ceremonial role. It is a critical position essential to the administration of elections, the maintenance of public confidence, and the uninterrupted service of our people. This position must remain continuously filled to ensure stability, accountability, and orderly election administration.

"Senate Bill 2143 inadvertently creates a loophole that allows the position to remain in limbo. Although it establishes an order of succession, it does not require the Elections Commission to appoint a permanent chief election officer within a defined timeframe. As a result, the state could operate for an extended period under an interim structure with no clear end date. Madam Speaker, interim arrangements are meant to be temporary. They are not substitutes for decisive leadership. Elections demand clarity of authority and continuity at the top.

"Allowing an indefinite interim period weakens accountability and undermines public trust in our election system. Rather than permitting delay, this body should ensure that the law requires a chief election officer to be consistently and promptly appointed. The people of Hawai'i deserve an election system that is stable, fully staffed, and beyond uncertainty.

"For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I oppose Senate Bill 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 9 noes, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Hartsfield, Kila, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-26 and S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Shimizu's written remarks are as follows:

"I respectfully submit these written comments in opposition to S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1.

"While I recognize the intent of this measure to improve transparency and support residential housing development, I remain concerned that the bill does not adequately account for the complexity of water availability determinations. Water service availability is not always capable of being reduced to a general public map or list. It may depend on numerous technical and site-specific factors, including source capacity, storage, distribution infrastructure, pressure, fire protection, elevation, project demand, and changing system conditions.

"The Honolulu Board of Water Supply previously opposed this measure and indicated that it already provides water availability assessments free of

charge to individuals seeking to build. BWS also raised serious concerns about public online disclosure of water system-related information, regarding safety and security involving critical infrastructure and potential outside threats.

"Although the CD 1 version no longer requires parcel-by-parcel information or disclosure of utility assets, it still requires each county board of water supply to publish a service area map and list of service-restricted areas by January 1, 2029, and to respond in writing to certain residential water availability requests within 45 days.

"I am concerned that this framework may create expectations that generalizes or provides preliminary information that can substitute for a full project-specific technical review. The bill permits boards of water supply to include a disclaimer that the map data is preliminary and does not constitute an actual determination of water availability, but that language also highlights the concern that the information may be of limited practical use while still creating confusion or reliance issues. If the Board of Water Supply will be tasked with significant extra work to accomplish this project with a disclaimer of inconclusive information, then what is the point?

"I support efforts to improve housing development timelines and provide clearer information to property owners. However, these goals should be pursued in a way that is workable for the agencies responsible for protecting the reliability, safety, and integrity of our water systems. Given the concerns raised by BWS and the technical nature of water availability determinations, I could not support this measure.

"For these reasons, I vote no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28-26 and S.B. No. 2623, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2623, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Amato, Cochran, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29-26 and H.B. No. 1740, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1740, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. Thank you very much. So, while well-intentioned, this contains provisions that fundamentally undermine its stated goal of fostering lasting affordable housing. The measure amends section 201H-38 to require the 80% of units in HHFDC's projects be sold to qualified residents. Yet, it reduces the owner occupancy requirement from ten to five years.

"Even more concerning, it repeals the financial viability screening that previously ensured buyers demonstrated genuine need for assistance. The practical effect is clear. Units developed with public support could revert to market rate just after five years and individuals who do not require affordable housing could access these programs. The weakening of deed restrictions further exacerbates this issue as the bill fails to enforce perpetual affordability for the lifetime of the project.

"Hawai'i and its people deserve housing solutions that provide permanent stability and genuine affordability. Taxpayer investments should yield lasting benefits for our communities, not temporary fixes that allow public support to be exploited. For these reasons, I must respectfully urge my colleagues to oppose HB 1740, CD 1. *Mahalo* for this time, Madam Speaker."

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

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. The current 201H-38 program is a critical incentive that leads to the development of affordable housing. Currently in that program, a majority of units have to be affordable to qualify for potential waiver of fees and certain regulations. And this has been a critical tool to developing affordable housing. Most LIHTC projects are going to be done through the 201H program. But, what the 201H program, all that it requires is that a unit stay affordable for 10 years. After that 10-year period, there's no restrictions. So, a majority of the units have to be affordable for 10 years and then no restrictions, but other 50-49% of units don't have any restrictions on it.

"This bill sets up an alternative pathway for 201H. That current pathway still exists. LIHTC projects and other affordable projects will likely still go through that current pathway. This alternative pathway says 80% of units have to be restricted forever, not just 10 years, but forever, to ensure that the occupant of the unit is domiciled in Hawai'i and the buyer of the unit. So, this intention here is to create a permanent sort of locals-only housing market of deed-restricted units that are available only to residents that are going to be living full-time in the unit.

"The changes to the financing language, this is language which required HHFDC just to check that an applicant can qualify, that they have the available asset-to-debt ratio to qualify for financing. They're not typically doing that checking, because the bank is doing that checking. So, the language is redundant. The bank will already have to do that check.

"And regarding the five-year owner occupancy requirement, the bill says that you can own another unit when you purchase one of these. The intention here is that under 201H currently, it prohibits somebody from owning another unit. This makes it impossible for somebody to upsize or downsize. If you have some children yet you have a studio, you cannot upsize into a one bedroom or two bedroom because you're not allowed to own any other property. If your children move out and you want to downsize, the same thing. So, what this says is that you can own other property, but you've got to sell that property within two years. The idea is that somebody can move around within these units, but it does not create a speculative market because ultimately, you'll still have to live in the unit because you'll have to dispose of your other property within two years. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1740, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Grandinetti, Iwamoto, Muraoka, and Perruso voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34-26 and H.B. No. 1515, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1515, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35-26 and S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41-26 and S.B. No. 2140, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2140, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've spoken on this before, and as a former person in the construction industry, this bill is bothersome for me. So, I need to get it off my chest. The real victims in this situation are the workers who are getting underpaid and cheated by a dishonest competitor. Second, legitimate, honest contractors who bid by the rules, lose out on projects and income to an unfair competitor. And lastly, an owner who has no idea that they have just signed up for a very costly and painful problem.

"So, with this bill, the owner instead becomes a major victim, in my opinion, by losing their contractor and their permit. They now need to find a replacement. They have to figure out what's the cost of the work that is still unfinished and try to negotiate an agreement with the new replacement. And also, reapply for a permit that they probably waited months for approval. By passing this bill, we will have the unintended consequence of penalizing the innocent owner instead. And hopefully the cheated workers are fairly reimbursed, although the contractor that was removed may have financial issues to prevent or delay this from even happening.

"And hopefully, this dishonest contractor will be punished accordingly, which the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is already tasked with this enforcement and could have and should have been enforcing to penalize any contractor who has been caught doing this dishonest practice and charge fines and penalties and even establish a reasonable time frame that this removed contractor should be disqualified from doing business, thereby proactively preventing this situation from occurring in the first place.

"And to add to this dilemma, the bill has since added an explicit owner-occupant exemption that removes protection and corrective action that this bill is trying to establish from these homeowners, and now allows these dishonest contractors a safe haven market to continue in their unscrupulous ways, hurting innocent workers, owners, and legitimate contractor competitors. Madam Speaker, although this bill is well-intended, I don't see this bill resolving this situation, but unfortunately, makes the problem even more chaotic and hurtful. I recommend we defer this bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2140, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Cochran, Gedeon, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42-26 and S.B. No. 2544, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2544, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with comments. Thank you so much. So, HHFDC builds a pilot program mandating the county again. In written testimony, the administrator from State Procurement Office says the Board of Directors would be exempt from Chapter 103D, which is the procurement code, and that which establishes the legal framework for procurement in this state. And so, it opens the door for potential, could be, unethical, the bidding process, and just a lot of procurement rules will be wiped out and they wouldn't have to follow. So, that's my reasoning for opposition. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. So, this bill provides numerous overly broad exemptions to state and county laws, permitting, and zoning. This bill goes even further by stating, 'contracts for professional services, construction, and development related to Hawaii builds pilot program projects shall be subject to approval by the corporation's board of directors and shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.'

Which is our procurement code, as was mentioned by the representative from Lahaina.

"And I just want to make sure that everyone understands that this, the language of the procurement code specifically lists requirements of ethical public procurement, including ensuring that all persons are afforded an equal opportunity to compete in a fair and open environment, avoid the intent and appearance of unethical behavior, and to identify and eliminate any conflicts of interest. So, I ask why would we want to exempt these projects, that will do good, from all of these important safeguards. Thank you."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2544, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran and Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44-26 and S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Iwamoto, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47-26 and S.B. No. 888, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 888, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Cochran voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48-26 and S.B. No. 2721, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2721, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2721, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Kila, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49-26 and H.B. No. 2152, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2152, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Cochran rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"I agree that livestock production can be a bigger contributor to Hawai'i's food security efforts. This bill helps assist this. My added comments have to do with adding another occurrence of attacks on livestock which are people. Protecting livestock from dog attacks is one aspect yet Maui County has had human attacks on livestock occur.

"Most recently, a rancher in West Maui above Lahaina had his pregnant nursing cow shot twice and killed. The person responsible is known. Law enforcement has been involved (MPD & DOCARE) yet to date nothing has been done to hold the shooter and killer of the cow accountable for his illegal actions. No mode of recourse has been given to the rancher for his losses either. This situation is sad and frustrating to see that no effort is being taken

to rectify the issue. Hence, why I think it important to add to this conversation of protecting livestock. Ranching in Lahaina needs to be supported for food sustainability and most importantly mitigating the fire fuel of acres of dried grasses throughout the West Maui mountains."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2152, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOG ATTACKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51-26 and H.B. No. 2385, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2385, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Ratcliffe voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52-26 and H.B. No. 1643, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1643, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54-26 and H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55-26 and H.B. No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran and Iwamoto voting no.

At 10:55 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2494, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1721, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3154, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1737, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2398, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2623, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1740, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1515, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2140, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2544, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 888, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

S.B. No. 2721, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2152, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2385, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1643, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members on page 30, CCR No. 80-26 will be moved to the end of the calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-26 and H.B. No. 1550, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred to the end of the calendar.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56-26 and S.B. No. 2568, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2568, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in opposition. This bill elevates the offense of harassment to a misdemeanor when committed against a public servant because of or during the performance of official duties. Elected officials are included in the definition of public servant. The threat of being subjected to a year in prison may have a chilling effect on free speech and the public exercising its rights to have grievances heard or even petitions received.

"Imagine if a citizen whistleblower, like let's say Alexander Silvert, tried to file a petition every day. And one of our most impatient members told him, that's a bit much, can you please stop? Now imagine he did not stop. This bill states that one commits harassment when repeatedly makes communications after being advised by the person to whom the communication is directed that further communication is unwelcome. That's it.

"Normally, this would be a petty misdemeanor. But since we are elected officials, it is now a full misdemeanor, and he could be subjected to one year in prison. We can do better. The public deserves better from elected officials. The public deserves to feel heard, including when we are annoyed by the message they may be delivering. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I'd like to adopt the words of the representative of Kaka'ako as my own on this bill and also a few brief comments. I do believe that it's important to protect our public servants, not just in this body and in this building, but in other departments and other areas of government. But the term 'harassment' is quite vague, and it can be subjective. Some people feel that some look is harassing. There's been lots of harassment complaints filed in this building, time and time again. So, it's a very vague term. And I do believe that this bill, if passed, when passed, will open the door for more frivolous complaints. No vote," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be speaking separately from the rest here. So, I am in support. So, as a victim of harassment to my face, on social media, having my life threatened, having to have my police department follow me through my public meetings and in the county building for years, I believe this is needed. And watching the national news and seeing a representative that's very recently murdered, actually killed.

"I think because we do live in a fishbowl, so to speak, we live in the limelight, and people don't understand that they do need to show us respect. And we may have differences of opinions and thoughts and perspectives, but to not make it in a harassment, negative, threatening manner. And that has occurred to me. So, I am in full support in putting some type of, yeah, hammer down that people need to take a step back and realize how they're approaching public servants. And yes, and everyone, basically. But this bill points to public servants like ourselves. So, thank you for this time."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2568, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-26 and S.B. No. 2983, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahalua, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2983, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Kong, and Matsumoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61-26 and S.B. No. 3156, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahalua moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3156, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This bill authorizes the Hawai'i Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with the United States Department of Defense for the provision of services at federal military installations under certain conditions. I'm opposed to this because the State Department of Transportation has a huge backlog of work to be done on its own streets. We should not allow the U.S. Department of Defense to distract the Hawai'i Department of Transportation from taking care of the state's needs.

"The U.S. DOD has the largest budget of any federal department. It can afford to procure private construction or use its own military personnel and equipment. Like many state roads, Ala Moana Boulevard needs ongoing maintenance. But ill-fitting large metal plates covering construction sites, and then cars and busses driving over them, banging day and night over these plates, the loud noise pollution carries all the way up to the 40th floor of many of the high rises in my district. Hawai'i Department of Transportation needs to stay in its lane and keep its eye on our state roads. Thank you."

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

"In support. I would agree with the representative from Kaka'ako. If that were to happen, that would be objectionable. In my similar concern, I asked the director of Department of Transportation regarding that concern. The answer that I received and the reason that I'm supporting this bill is it was stated that this would not affect the DOT's ability to handle their current workload. It would enable them to make sure that they secure work for our local contractors, because if left to federal, federal may bring in mainland contractors. And also, that the department would also be charging a management fee to recover some income for their expertise. So, that's the reason that I'm supporting this bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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 S.B. No. 3156, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62-26 and H.B. No. 1511, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1511, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64-26 and H.B. No. 1824, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1824, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65-26 and H.B. No. 2137, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2137, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Matsumoto, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66-26 and H.B. No. 1810, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1810, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68-26 and H.B. No. 2309, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2309, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69-26 and H.B. No. 1548, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1548, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"I would like to correct my vote on CCR 69-26. I believe I voted with reservations, I would like to change that to a yes."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1548, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kila, Olds, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72-26 and S.B. No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, rising in respectful opposition. Thank you. I want to begin by acknowledging the intent behind this measure and appreciate the work put into it by your Education Committee chair. I know that the both of us share the same goal, strong leadership, accountability, and public trust in our education system. But how we structure governance matters just as much as outcomes we seek. Madam Speaker, in my role as your chair of Higher Education, I've spent a great deal of time this session focused on that

exact issue. How we modernize governance structures while preserving clarity, accountability, and institutional integrity.

"Earlier this session, I introduced legislation to modernize the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents. That effort ultimately fell short, but the conversations around it reinforced an important point. When we change governance structures, we need to be deliberate, consistent, and clear about the problem we are trying to solve. That is where I struggle with this bill.

"The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board was designed to function as a professional licensing and standards-setting body. It plays a very specific role, ensuring that those who enter our classrooms meet the standards we expect of our educators. That function is different from the role of the Board of Education, which has broader policy oversight of our public education system. Those distinctions are not accidental. They are foundational to good governance. Madam Speaker, I'm afraid this bill begins to blur those lines. It requires the Teacher Standards Board to submit three nominees for executive director, requires the Board of Education to appoint from that list, and then subjects that appointment to the advice and consent of the Senate.

"The Teacher Standards Board's independence is not absolute, but it is intentional. It allows professionals in the field to set and uphold standards with some insulation from political pressures. When we add Senate confirmation to this process, we inevitably change the nature of the position. We risk turning a professional administrative role into one shaped by political considerations, and that has real consequences. It may make it harder to recruit qualified candidates. It may prolong vacancies. It may create uncertainty in leadership at a time when stability is important.

"But beyond these immediate effects, I'm concerned about the precedent. If we take this step here, do we begin requiring advice and consent for executive directors of other boards and commissions? Do we begin inserting additional approval layers into other quasi-independent entities? Little by little, decision by decision, we can shift the structure of government without fully intending to. That is why governance matters. Good governance is not just about accountability. It is about clarity. It is about ensuring that roles are well-defined, authority is appropriately placed, and systems can function as intended. When we blur those lines, we do not always create more accountability. Sometimes we create more confusion, even when we don't intend to.

"Again, I respect the intent of this measure, but I'm not convinced we have identified a breakdown in the current system that justifies this level of structural change. Given the precedent this sets, not just for this board, but potentially for others across our state, I believe we should proceed with caution. For these reasons, I'm casting a no vote on this measure. Thank you."

Representative Reyes Oda rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"I rise in opposition. I have concerns about SB 3262 because of the precedence this bill sets. There is no question that this bill arose from real conversations about governance and accountability. However, advice and consent is a constitutional check, traditionally reserved for positions that exercise independent state authority. The executive director of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board is not such a role.

"Advice and consent exists in Article V, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution as a check on executive power. The Constitution states, 'each principal department shall be under the supervision of the governor and, unless otherwise provided in this constitution or by law, shall be headed by a single executive. Such single executive shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the governor.' The executive director of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board does not meet that standard. This is a professional board-directed position, not a cabinet-level role.

"Let's put this into perspective. The HTSB has a state budget of \$2.1 million and 14 positions. The DOE is appropriated \$2.4 billion in general funds, which is 22% of the general fund budget and employs over 22,000 of Hawai'i's state residents. Pretty much any public school principal in the state has a larger budget and more personnel than the HTSB executive director. We do not require Senate confirmation for the superintendent of education, who oversees the largest department in the state government.

Extending confirmation requirements to a staff level executive who reports to a board moves us closer to politicizing operational leadership. But if we're going to start with confirming board-appointed executives, we should start with the person heading the largest portion of the state budget.

"My concern is not oversight, it's the politics. Bringing this legislature into staff-level appointments risks undermining the independence of our boards and injecting political considerations into professional education standards. We should put oversight where oversight belongs. If additional accountability is needed, the appropriate conversation is about board governance and structure, not legislative approval of professional administrators. For those reasons, while I respect the intent behind the bill, I remain opposed to the precedent it would set. For these reasons, I'm voting no. I remain cautious about this measure and the precedent it would establish."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. As a former member of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board and also the Board of Education, I appreciate and ask that the words of the representatives from 'Ewa Beach and Mānoa be entered into the record as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representatives from 'Ewa Beach and Mānoa be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representatives from 'Ewa Beach and Mānoa be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representatives from 'Ewa Beach and Mānoa be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ratcliffe rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representatives from Mānoa and 'Ewa Beach be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support with brief comments. Boards do not necessarily need to operate administratively using the same modalities over time. This is the case with this proposed variance for this standards board. Madam Speaker, during the last Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board official meeting, there actually was an action item to renew the existing ED's contract.

"Madam Speaker, during that official proceeding, there were members from the education community that did oppose that renewal. Now that, Madam Speaker, in itself, is not necessarily informative, but it is highly unusual. And so, what this proposal does is it says that, let's provide an additional layer of oversight by providing advice and consent through our state Senate.

"Madam Speaker, I've had the honor and privilege of working with many of our senators over the years. They are good people and I trust that any decision that they make regarding that consent is solely done based upon past performance. And it is for this reason and other, Madam Speaker, I support this proposal and I ask my colleagues to do the same. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. May I adopt the words from the Education chair as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative La Chica continued, stating:

"And also a brief comment. Just wanted to say that the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board manages the teacher licensure, the standards, controlled educator workforce policy. In this bill, I disagree that it is being politicized because the selection of the nominees still reside within the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. It has to be submitted to the Board of Education. And they're still subject, those nominees are still subject to all screening and the nomination process, as is everybody.

"Given that advice and consent is really used for positions that carry a large responsibility for policy implications for the state and regulatory implications, I do believe that it is important and it is a matter of statewide importance that we take a look at this and use this as a similar function as we look at all state leadership positions that carry a huge amount of influence as to what happens to our teachers and the future of teaching here in our state. So, for those reasons, in support."

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

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

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

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

Representative Shimizu rose to respond, stating:

"In opposition, second time. Thank you, Madam Speaker. With all due respect to the opposition testimony from our Education chair and as someone who votes no a lot and presents an opposing view, I would debate that the instance that was shared is not sufficient enough to create a law that totally changes this selection process. I think public input and opposing views are healthy and necessary as we debate issues and learn from each other. So, that's my counter on that. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. May I have the words of the chair of the House Committee on Education entered as if they're my own, with a brief comment. Madam Speaker, I had the pleasure of watching a number of Senate hearings, the Senate Education Committee this year. I found the hearings and the questions from those senators to be illuminating. I found them to be edifying. And in my mind, this is a very small change to a process, but one that can potentially hold great portent for the future of education in Hawai'i. And I'd ask the members' support that we can see this out and monitor how it goes. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. More so as the House member that introduced the accompanying measure, I'd like to adopt the words of the Education chair as if they were my own, the majority leader as if they were in my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 34 ayes to 17 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Garrett, Gedeon, Grandinetti, Hussey, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Ratcliffe, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76-26 and S.B. No. 3255, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3255, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3255, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CURRENCY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Garcia and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77-26 and H.B. No. 2576, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2576, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79-26 and H.B. No. 1864, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1864, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1864, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81-26 and S.B. No. 2818, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2818, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2818, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOATING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82-26 and S.B. No. 3067, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3067, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Cochran voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83-26 and S.B. No. 2061, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2061, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise in opposition with brief comments, please. Thank you so much. So, regarding HCDA, Hawai'i Community Development Authority's 99-year lease program, this bill purports to disallow owners of affordable units from renting out their units. But the bill also allows owners to sell their units to buyers who are not subject to income restriction. So, units originally designated as affordable can be bought by anybody. And term 'eligible buyer' is not defined in the bill. And owners can sell to buyers without an owner-occupied requirement. So, subsequent owners don't need to occupy the unit which opens the door to investors. These allowances will likely undermine the inventory of affordable housing units.

"Another major concern with this bill is it exempts design, development, and construction from our state procurement code, which sets rules for ethical, transparent, and accountable procurement of goods, services, and construction. So, lastly, the HCDA building being proposed in Kaka'ako will be \$800,000 per unit, and that is what they're telling us is affordable. *Mahalo* for allowing me these comments."

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to briefly explain that the bill requires that 60% of the units will be income restricted and must be owner-occupied. The flexibility that the bill provides is for the other 40% of units in the development, and this is just to ensure that the project can remain revenue neutral, which was the primary intent. And the hope being that the state can produce developments where 60% are income restricted into the future without pouring lots of money into this. So, this just gives HCDA a little bit more flexibility on the other 40% of units. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2061, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Iwamoto, Kong, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84-26 and H.B. No. 1728, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1728, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, once again. So, I rise in support. I fully support water catchment because it's an opportunity to offset the use of our potable water, which is so dire, we're in dire need, especially on Maui and in West Maui in particular. We can catch the water that, with the recent flooding, has been just flowing straight into the ocean. And it's, again, a wasted water resource which we can store, catch, and in turn create some very smart developments moving forward. So, *mahalo* for the time."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1728, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87-26 and H.B. No. 2395, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2395, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92-26 and S.B. No. 2175, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2175, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2175, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISPOSABLE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Garcia and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Kong voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93-26 and S.B. No. 2852, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2852, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94-26 and S.B. No. 847, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 847, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. When this bill came up for third reading, I was in support with reservations because there was a psychiatrist supervising the psychologist. But now that any physician can supervise, I am in opposition.

"A very good friend of mine visited her primary care physician for anxiety. She was given a starter pack of an anti-anxiety drug that the pharmaceutical rep left with her physician. My friend is a very petite woman and it's possible that the starter pack may have been calibrated for someone twice her size. A few days later, she committed suicide.

"In the aftermath, my friend's daughter spoke to her mom's physician and asked her if she told her mom that suicidal thoughts could be a possible side effect of that particular drug that she gave to my friend. The doctor said she did not mention this to her patient. My friend's daughter said her mom's fridge was full of food that she recently purchased. It was clear to her daughter that the mother was not suicidal days earlier.

"Between psychologists, physicians, and psychiatrists, psychiatrists have the most hours of pharmaceutical training and the most expertise on psychotropic medications. Psychiatrists should be the only ones supervising psychologist's use of prescriptive authority. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 847, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Amato, Grandinetti, Hashem, Hussey, Iwamoto, Kong, and Perruso voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95-26 and S.B. No. 3001, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3001, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Permission to insert written comments and then brief comment. I spoke on this bill before in the crossover. This is our AI chatbot protection bill. Just wanted to highlight that this is going to be a big deal for the state in that we're not only putting in meaningful guard rails such as disclosures, protections on harmful content, and then also activating real safety responses when a child or somebody using a companion system or a chat bot expresses harm to themselves or others.

"But I wanted to highlight that Hawai'i's bill stands out in the nation, and we join a handful of states, but we're really the only ones that are not including any exemptions, so all these other big tech platforms that have asked to not have these regulations applied to them. And I have our House CPC chair to thank for that as well as the Senate CPC chair for ensuring that our *keiki* and our users here in Hawai'i, our residents here in Hawai'i, continue to remain protected, and that innovation doesn't come at the expense of their safety and well-being. So, for those reasons, in support. And *mahalo* again for the hard work to get this legislation passed."

Representative La Chica's written remarks are as follows:

"Colleagues, I want to begin by saying that I support technology and innovation, and I believe artificial intelligence will continue to create tremendous opportunities for our schools, workforce, and communities. But

as this technology rapidly advances, the guardrails meant to protect our *keiki* have not kept pace. Across the country, families have already experienced the devastating consequences of AI companion systems designed to simulate emotional connection, companionship, and dependency without adequate safeguards for minors. These systems are increasingly being used not just for homework help or entertainment, but as substitutes for friendship, emotional support, and even crisis intervention.

"SB 3001 establishes targeted and reasonable protections for consumers, especially minors, interacting with AI companion systems. The bill requires AI companions to clearly disclose that users are interacting with artificial intelligence and not a human being. It requires platforms to implement crisis response protocols when users express suicidal ideation or self-harm, including directing users to crisis hotlines and appropriate services. It prohibits manipulative engagement practices targeting minors, including discouraging users from logging off, sexually explicit outputs directed at minors, and emotionally manipulative reward systems designed to increase addictive use. Importantly, Hawai'i's bill does not contain carveouts exempting major AI platforms or categories of AI systems from complying with these safeguards. Unlike laws in other states that exempt widely used AI products from the start, this measure applies these protections comprehensively to AI companion systems operating in Hawai'i.

"As policymakers, we have a responsibility to ensure innovation develops responsibly and that consumer protection keeps pace with emerging technology. With the passage of this measure, Hawai'i has the opportunity to lead the nation in setting thoughtful standards for AI safety and accountability while protecting the well-being of our *keiki*. I respectfully ask for your support of this important measure."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3001, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96-26 and S.B. No. 3096, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3096, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102-26 and H.B. No. 2270, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2270, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DOWNPAYMENT LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

At 11:33 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2568, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2983, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3156, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1511, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1824, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2137, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1810, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2309, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1548, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3255, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2576, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1864, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2818, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3067, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2061, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1728, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2395, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2175, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2852, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

S.B. No. 847, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3001, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3096, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2270, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

At 11:33 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:16 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Tam introduced advocates from the campaign for immigrant justice: Amy Agbayani, Mandy Fernandez, and Liza Ryan Gil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105-26 and H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Personally, I'm against what I would consider government control and overreach that create blanket regulations that limit and adversely affect business free enterprise and contributes to our high cost of doing business and ultimately our high cost of living. But I am supporting this bill to honor my *kūpuna* constituents' requests. This bill is intended to provide them protection from unintended financial misfortune. So, I am supporting. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This bill is an essential part of the House's effort to try to curb fraud in this state. It specifically targets crypto kiosks which allow the purchase of cryptocurrency with cash, which has been shown to be not only the source of fraud when someone calls you on the phone and directs you to purchase crypto for them, but also the source of money laundering. I want to make it very clear that this bill does not restrict you converting your own crypto to cash and using it akin to an ATM, but it does restrict the purchase of crypto by feeding cash into the machine.

"In talking to *kūpuna* throughout the state and the AARP, and from honestly talking to just friends and family members who have been targets of scams, these crypto kiosks are being used as the vehicle for scammers to get money away from people, including many who are on fixed incomes. So, I'm very proud of the House for moving this forward, I'm proud of the Legislature for hopefully moving this forward. I think it's an important piece in the state's fight against fraud in the state. 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. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106-26 and H.B. No. 2338, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2338, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Rising in strong support. This bill is one of the hallmark measures for your Higher Education Committee this session because it goes directly to the heart of what we should be doing in higher education. Making sure students not only get through the door but have the support they need to finish.

"The Hawai'i Community College Promise Program was created with the right intent, to help cover the unmet direct costs of attendance for eligible

students at our University of Hawai'i community colleges. But under the current structure, when a student receives other grants, scholarships, or support, that assistance can reduce the benefit they receive from Hawai'i Promise. In practice, that means we may be helping with tuition, while still leaving students to struggle with the real costs that determine whether they stay enrolled. That's housing, food, transportation, books and supplies, and the basic expenses of daily life. Madam Speaker, this bill changes that.

"HB 2338 allows Hawai'i Promise to better maximize the total financial support available to students while staying aligned with federal financial aid requirements. It provides scholarships for 95% of a student's unmet direct cost needs, and allows other grants and scholarships to help students cover indirect costs. That distinction matters. For many of our community college students, the challenge is not ambition, it is not ability. It is affordability. It is whether they can pay rent, put gas in the car, buy food, afford childcare, or reduce work hours enough to succeed in school.

"Our community colleges are one of the most important tools we have for workforce development, economic mobility, and keeping local students connected to local opportunities. If we are serious about addressing workforce shortages, then we have to be serious about helping students complete their programs. This bill is a student-centered, practical, and long-overdue update to Hawai'i Promise. It says that we at the Legislature understand the real cost of college. It says that we want students to finish. And it says that Hawai'i is willing to invest in its own people. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this measure. Thank you."

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

"Thank you. In strong support. May I have the words of the representative from Mānoa adopted as if they were my own, and just brief remarks. Having been here when we did create the Hawai'i Community College Promise Program, I think this is a really good example of how we do better. How we can improve on programs. I believe the intent had always been to be able to help make community college affordable and in the reach of so many of our young students. And so, with this kind of policy changes, this is exactly the kind of legislating, the kind of doing better that we need to do. Thank you, Madam Speaker," 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 H.B. No. 2338, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107-26 and H.B. No. 2171, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2171, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This bill authorizes the University of Hawai'i to engage in enterprise-related activities for educational purposes and exempts such activity from certain county zoning requirements. During one of our committee hearings, I was able to question one of the testifiers from the University of Hawai'i and confirm that Mauna Kea is still managed by the University of Hawai'i.

"And also, one thing to consider is that a Thirty Meter Telescope would fall under the umbrella of enterprise-related activities, as enterprise-related activities may include but shall not be limited to teaching laboratories, training facilities, and other applied learning settings designated by the Board of Regents that meet the requirements of this section.

"I raised this concern on third reading here on the floor. I also raised this specific concern in the Water & Land Committee. And I did request that perhaps an exemption can be made to specifically exempt that this bill does not pertain to potentially building a Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. However, that language was not put in, which gives me even greater concern, actually. I'm not comfortable voting to pass a bill, no matter how innocently it was intended and introduced, that may inadvertently create a way to sidestep even one safeguard, and to protect Mauna Kea from reckless development. So, for that reason, I'm in opposition. Thanks."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2171, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110-26 and H.B. No. 2505, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2505, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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 H.B. No. 2505, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Hartsfield voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111-26 and S.B. No. 2552, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2552, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong support. You've all heard me talk about this bill many, many times, but this is for the Individual Housing Account program, which helps individuals and families to save up quicker for a down payment. So, this is a program that already exists. We're not creating something new, we are just changing the amounts that you can save up. So, you're being able to save up pre-tax dollars from \$5,000 a year, so now it can go to \$20,000 a year if you're filing individually. And the program had it for \$10,000 a year if you're filing jointly, now to \$40,000 year. And now the cap is \$200,000 instead of the \$25,000, because I don't know how many people can buy a home with a \$25,000 down payment.

"And when you're talking to people when they're on that path to homeownership, what the biggest barrier they have, they often cite saving up for that down payment. And so, this is a bill that has been for many years in the works. There's many people who came to work together for this bill, and I am so happy that it is finally passing. So, I stand here in strong support. Thank you."

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

"In support. Can I have the words of the previous speaker adopted as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Muraoka continued, stating:

"And I just wanted to point out how pathetic that this such a wonderful bill passed, only because it was introduced by a democrat. This same bill, same, virtually everything in this bill, was introduced many years ago, several times over, by a minority person, a person in the Minority Caucus. And I just find that very, very appalling to the people of Hawai'i who could use this, who could have used this six or seven years ago. But I support this bill, it's a great bill for the people of Hawai'i. Just the games in this chamber and in this building should stop for the betterment of--"

Representative Tam rose to a point of order, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I believe that the speaker is violating rules by pointing out intent of other members of the part of the caucus."

The Chair then stated:

"Thank you, Representative Tam. Representative Muraoka, did you have more to add?"

Representative Muraoka: "No, I said what I had to say. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support. May I please adopt the words of the minority leader, and some brief comments. First of all, I would like to thank not just the minority leader, but all the members of the minority for their tireless advocacy on this issue. I would also like to point out that the House did pass out the minority's version of this measure last year, as a show of good faith and support for their advocacy. And one final thing that I learned when I was a kid playing team sports, it's important to both win and lose with grace," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2552, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113-26 and H.B. No. 1815, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1815, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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 H.B. No. 1815, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115-26 and S.B. No. 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, in the morning of October 28th, like any normal morning, there was an individual waiting to cross the street, heading to work in Nānākuli. Madam Speaker, while waiting to cross the street to go to work, she was unfortunately struck by a vehicle that was hit by another vehicle. This individual has a name and this individual has story. And she's also my family member. She's my niece, Tehya Mahelona.

"As traffic came to a standstill, her mother tried to rush to get to her, not being able to get to her in time. She was then rushed to the hospital right across the street at Queens where she was pronounced, where she had lost her life. This measure, like many measures we put forth before the Legislature, is in response to many of the difficulties we faced in the interim.

"Last year, Hawai'i saw one of its most tragic years of incidents as relates to traffic deaths, and we are doing much better this year. But this measure, in Section 2, honors her, acknowledging that we must do better to protect our school zones that abate our school roads. But I also know, Madam Speaker, we can install every crosswalk, every speed bump, every camera to try and make our roads safer, but there is an inherent *kuleana*, us as motorists and us as users, to make sure that the road is safe for all.

"So, although this amount of \$2 million may not solve all the problems, it shall be known that whatever improvements come from this act, it is in honor of Tehya. And if you folks would just allow me to share. She is the oldest of four. She was the only daughter to Keli and Amanda Mahelona. She was training to become a pilot and unfortunately lost her life at the young age of 19. So, as we continue to make our roads safer, I'd like folks to think about Tehya and the many people that have lost their life due to negligence. And as we try to make our school zones safer as well, this is a *kākou* effort. And I thank the Legislature for their support in this measure. *Mahalo*."

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

Representative Chun rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Chun's written remarks are as follows:

"I write in support of Senate Bill 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, which highlights the necessity for improved pedestrian safety, especially in areas near schools. It appropriates funds for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to install either all-way crosswalks, raised intersections, or some combination of both.

"In 2023, I offered resolutions urging DOT to install an all-way crosswalk, also referred to as a pedestrian scramble, at one of the busiest intersections in Waipahu. This proposal came to me from Waipahu High School students who had researched solutions because of how badly this intersection directly affected them. This bill will help improve student safety at Waipahu High School.

"According to recent data, 2025 was the worst year for traffic fatalities since 2007. It is unfortunate that it took the tragic passing of Tehya Mahelona and others to bring us closer to the improvements we have been working on over the last three years, but now, in 2026, it is clear that this kind of pedestrian safety improvement is still greatly needed. To prevent and mitigate potential traffic-related accidents and deaths, it is imperative that we take action sooner rather than later, especially to protect our *keiki*.

"For these reasons, I strongly support SB 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. May I adopt the words of the chair of Transportation. And I'd like to thank him for his work on this issue. This is an issue that touches every single district across our state. And having had many students be injured on their way to school or trying to walk home, and unfortunately having a young elementary schooler lose her life because we didn't have a safe crosswalk and because there was a drunk driver on the road. So, I genuinely appreciate the chair of Transportation for his efforts to move this forward and for every single young person who will hopefully be able to get to school and home safely," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117-26 and H.B. No. 1718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120-26 and S.B. No. 3229, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3229, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121-26 and S.B. No. 2338, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2338, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"HHFDC & HPHA are state entities whose mission and *kuleana* is affordable housing for our needy and vulnerable people. Speaking specifically about Lahaina and the lack of the rebuilding from our devastating fire that destroyed all of these entities properties. Having these

directors ask for salary raises while showing no support for Lahaina's rebuild to rehouse and retain our *kama'āina* community is just unacceptable. While our local families and *kūpuna* continue to struggle with housing stability daily and many have left the island due to lack of affordable housing. These people were originally housed by HHFDC and HPHA and lost their housing due to fire that was not their fault, yet many feel they are being punished as if it is their fault. Well over a billion dollars of taxpayers' dollars have been spent by HHFDC towards efforts to house people and the state still has a housing and homeless crisis years later. The community would like raises to be contingent upon measured goals attained. I oppose giving these directors salary raises due to their lack of expeditious efforts to house Lahaina fire survivors."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2338, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122-26 and S.B. No. 3069, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3069, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3069, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127-26 and S.B. No. 2999, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2999, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thanks. In strong support and permission to insert comments in the Journal."

Representative Lowen's written remarks are as follows:

"This measure represents years of discussion, analysis, stakeholder engagement, and careful consideration about how Hawai'i confronts one of the biggest challenges facing our state: transportation emissions and our dependence on imported fossil fuels.

"Transportation remains Hawai'i's single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and our biggest challenge to meeting our decarbonization goals. At the same time, our dependence on volatile fossil fuels for transportation needs decreases resilience, energy independence, and puts us at the mercy of global markets that lead to regular prices spikes that create hardship for Hawai'i residents and businesses.

"SB 2999 establishes a framework for a clean fuel standard that will gradually reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels over time while creating incentives for cleaner alternatives, local innovation, and new economic opportunities.

"Importantly, this bill does not impose an immediate mandate on consumers, nor does it dictate one single technology or fuel source. Instead, it creates a market-based and technology-neutral system that allows innovation and competition to determine the most effective pathways forward.

"The conference draft also includes significant consumer protection provisions including a credit price cap, annual monitoring of fuel cost impacts, mechanisms for cost containment and the authority for DOT to slow implementation if consumer impacts warrant this.

"This bill also recognizes Hawai'i's unique realities. It includes exemptions and flexibility for sectors like aviation, marine transportation, and the military, while allowing opportunities for cleaner fuels in those sectors to participate voluntarily.

"This measure creates opportunities for local benefit, and will incentivize investment and job creation across agriculture, waste management, construction, renewable energy, and transportation. This policy could help create value from materials that are currently considered waste—including used cooking oil, agricultural residues, green waste, and other local resources.

"Other states have already demonstrated that these programs can successfully reduce emissions, expand cleaner fuel markets, and accelerate transportation innovation. Hawai'i has the opportunity to shape a program tailored to our own needs, values, and economy.

"The passage of this bill is a huge step towards building a cleaner, healthier, and more resilient transportation system. It will increase our energy security, create new economic opportunities, and build a future where we are less vulnerable to fossil fuel volatility."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2999, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CLEAN FUEL STANDARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128-26 and S.B. No. 2060, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2060, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2060, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Cochran and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129-26 and S.B. No. 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Chun's written remarks are as follows:

"I write in support of Senate Bill 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, which repeals the sunset date for the existing State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna. This would effectively make it a permanent assistance program available to *kūpuna* in need.

"I have supported this proposal since bill introduction, and my support remains the same for this most recent iteration of the bill. I express my gratitude to my colleagues that worked extensively on curating SB 2866 into a measure that effectively achieves the intent of the bill.

"Our *kūpuna* remain a vulnerable population that often face the risk of eviction and homelessness, and the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna has protected about 300 at-risk *kūpuna* through providing monthly rental assistance. The program was set to end on June 30, 2028, so repealing that sunset date would ensure that our *kūpuna* continue to be taken care of and protected as long as this program remains in place.

"For these reasons, I strongly support SB 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1. Thank you."

Representative Cochran rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"I strongly support helping our fastest growing *kūpuna* population to retain affordable rental housing in perpetuity."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130-26 and S.B. No. 2239, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2239, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'm supportive of registering more people to vote. My concern is just the overall system being cleaned in our voter rolls and making sure that our chief elections officer is preparing and ready for the anticipated increased influx of these new voters, and having organizational structures to properly manage and handle these voters before this bill gets put in place and things get out of hand. Otherwise, we will be adding to and creating a bigger problem and further damaging public trust in our voting system. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2239, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 11 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Hartsfield, Kila, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131-26 and H.B. No. 1741, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1741, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in strong opposition as Maui County Department of Management has sent testimony to me explaining that this bill will not be helpful and difficult to implement.

"Having been a county councilmember and experienced state unfunded mandates that have been very detrimental to the taxpayers. This action really should be best adopted and implemented by each respective county should they choose to not forced upon by the state."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1741, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran and Grandinetti voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132-26 and H.B. No. 1713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133-26 and H.B. No. 2023, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2023, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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."

Representative Cochran 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. 2023, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Cochran and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134-26 and H.B. No. 2417, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2417, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. I would be remiss to not acknowledge and thank our drafting agencies in the House majority for helping me move this bill forward, and the two deputy attorneys general that assisted with me in this measure, Tricia Nakamatsu and Mark Tom. As we try to make our roads safer, one part of it is revoking people's licenses who lawfully should have them revoked. This measure before the body allows us to close a loophole that is often exploited and continues to try to make this process more stronger. So, with the efficacy of both the House, and Tricia and Mark, I am really thankful to put this before the Legislature. And thank you folks for your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2417, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE REVOCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135-26 and S.B. No. 2877, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2877, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. Madam Speaker, this is a really nice idea. But unfortunately, we know with our tight budget situation, I would prefer that we defer this idea for another time. And I would also suggest that if in some future time that this is considered, we should offer this opportunity to our high school students who can maximize their skills and talents for this project. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I really like this bill, I think it's a wonderful idea. And I don't see it as something that takes away from our budget. In fact, I think it adds, because at the end of the day, this is an investment in future writers. This is an investment in our children. And that is always something beneficial. My only issue with this measure is that both of the pilot locations are located here in the urban core of Honolulu. I think in the future, we need to think about making sure that if we're going to pilot something, we should also pilot on a neighbor island so that we have more diversity and we can strengthen pathways for students across our state, not just in Honolulu."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2877, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136-26 and S.B. No. 2598, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2598, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"I question how such money will be prioritized for use."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2598, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138-26 and S.B. No. 2645, SD 3, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2645, SD 3, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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.B. No. 2645, SD 3, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142-26 and H.B. No. 2329, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloo, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2329, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144-26 and H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloo moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VISAS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kila voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Pierick voting no.

At 12:42 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2338, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2171, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2505, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2552, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1815, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3234, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3229, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2338, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3069, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2999, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2060, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2866, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2239, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1741, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2023, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2417, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2877, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2598, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2645, SD 3, HD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 2329, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1838, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149-26 and H.B. No. 2344, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2344, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, I rise in support. We've kicked the can down the road long enough. For years, we've talked about declining enrollment, aging facilities, and underused schools. But we haven't taken decisive action. Meanwhile, the cost of doing nothing keeps growing. We've studied this problem long enough. HB 2344 gives us a fair, data-driven way to finally act. Between 2017 and 2019, the state spent nearly \$8 million on the Jacobs study. That was a statewide school facility study and that work confirmed what we already knew. Enrollment is down. Many campuses are underutilized and resources are spread too thin. But nothing changed, because we had no clear way to act on that data. Taxpayers already paid for the data, and this bill ensures we finally use that data.

"At the same time, declining enrollment doesn't mean there's a declining need. We have many small schools operating far below capacity. While population shifts and housing developments, especially in areas that have these big developments being built, means that we need new, modern, and resilient schools in different locations. We need right schools in the right places for today's Hawai'i. HB 2344 is a missing link. It takes politics out of the process, relies on data, ensures public input, and finally turns years of study into action. This bill is about right sizing our system so that we can reinvest in students and plan responsibly for the future of public education in Hawai'i."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2344, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-26 and H.B. No. 1888, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1888, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This bill was initially about setting policies and procedures to help Department of Education workers when they experience severe or physical harassment. I was impressed with the introducer's original bill in its original form, because it demonstrated what I already knew as a former Board of Education member, that there are numerous criminal statutes that protect educational workers with elevated sentences.

"I read the testimony provided in the Education Committee, and not one testifier, not even the athletic director who was recently victimized, she did not even ask for additional or elevated criminal provisions to be added to this bill. However, criminal provisions were added. And in testimony against this added criminalizing language, I agree wholeheartedly with the Office of the Public Defender as it wrote in its testimony in opposition to this amended section. 'The Office of the Public Defender supports protection of the safety and well-being of Hawai'i's educational workers. School administrators, teachers, counselors, and other educational staff should not be subjected to severe harassment, intimidation, and disruptive conduct in the course of their employment. However, educational workers are already protected from such illegal conduct under current statutes for harassment, assault, and terroristic threatening.'

"These are my words, this bill now seeks to add the following as harassment. 'Disrupts or interferes with the administration or functions of any school, school administration office, or school board.' So even a peaceful protest or nonviolent civil disobedience could get students put in

jail for a year. Or the parents who did a sit-in opposing furlough Fridays, if they sat in the Board of Education office instead of, let's say, Governor Lingle's office, they could also be put in prison for a year because they could be construed as disrupting the functions of the school board. So, for that reason, I'm in opposition."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This bill adds process protections for our teachers, for our educators, and for our sports officials. It says that schools need to propose a safety plan to educators that are alleging harassment. It says that an investigation shall be conducted as to the validity of that complaint. It says that leave of absence shall be granted to our educators to obtain a TRO. It says that the AG can assist these educators in obtaining their TROs. That is a significant industry standard shift. We appreciate our AG.

"It also creates a misdemeanor for harassment for our educational workers. And what the previous speaker said is inaccurate actually, because of course we want our parents to advocate for our kids, for their kids. That is, in fact, encouraged. Of course we want them to do that. But what you cannot do is, you cannot disrupt an official proceeding. We don't even allow that in this chamber. You cannot threaten a teacher. You cannot threaten their kids. You cannot say to a teacher, we know where you live, we're following your kids, and we're watching you. And you certainly cannot strike or otherwise cause bodily harm to our educators or to our sports officials. All of these things are happening now. And it has to stop, Speaker. It has to stop. Education needs to be a safe place, not only for our kids. It needs to be a safe place for educators and for our sports officials. And for that reason, I stand in strong support of this proposal."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. And I would like the words of the Education chair entered into the record as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto rose to respond, stating:

"Opposition, second time. Thank you. All of the horrible, horrible things that were mentioned by the Education chair, I agree with 100% that needs to stop. We need enforcement. And our current revised statutes does allow for the prosecution of those kinds of egregious things that were mentioned, currently in our laws, right now, without passing this bill. And again, the first section of this bill, I love it. It's great. It does everything I thought we should be doing. It's again, the second part. The added and expanded definition of harassment and the chilling effect that it would have.

"Again, I come to looking at some of these bills and language that we're adding to the revised statute from the perspective of an advocate. And when I see these kinds of things, it just feels like, although I know the intent is honorable and wonderful, the effect could be, if you're on the wrong side of messaging, it could be quite silencing and not in the interest of democracy and public engagement. 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. 1888, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153-26 and H.B. No. 2474, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2474, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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 H.B. No. 2474, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154-26 and H.B. No. 1576, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1576, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Templo rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Templo's written remarks are as follows:

"The growth of Hawai'i's film and television industry should not only attract outside investment, but also create meaningful and accessible opportunities for local workers, businesses, and communities across our state. As the Legislature recently acted to increase and strengthen Hawai'i's film tax credit program to remain competitive and attract more productions, it is equally important that local residents and workers are informed of and connected to the opportunities these productions create.

"HB 1576 is an important measure that strengthens transparency, communication, and workforce accessibility within Hawai'i's film and television industry. As film and television productions continue to grow across our state, this measure helps ensure that local workers, unions, vendors, and affected communities receive timely notification and better awareness of production activities and employment opportunities.

"Hawai'i's film industry plays a vital role in supporting local jobs, small businesses, tourism promotion, and economic diversification. Many members of our community rely on the film industry for employment opportunities ranging from production crews and creatives to transportation, catering, hospitality, security, and other support services.

"This measure helps improve coordination and outreach by strengthening notification processes related to productions operating within Hawai'i. Better communication can help ensure that local workers are informed of upcoming opportunities and that surrounding communities are better prepared for production-related activities and impacts.

"*Mahalo* to the House chairs of Economic Development and Finance, and the Senate chairs of Economic Development and Tourism, and Ways and Means for advancing this measure through your respective committees. A special *mahalo* to the House chair of Economic Development for helping initiate and elevate the importance of this issue. Thank you as well to the advocates, labor organizations, industry professionals, and community members who took the time to provide testimony and share their insight throughout the legislative process.

"HB 1576 reflects the Legislature's continued commitment to supporting Hawai'i's creative economy while ensuring that the benefits of film and television productions are more accessible to local residents and workers."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1576, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FILMING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-26 and H.B. No. 2050, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2050, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I agree the influence of money should be taken out of our government, starting with our campaigns. And to help promote this value to our public, I would argue that we need to establish reasonable spending and fundraising caps so that all candidates are on the same financial playing field. And the voters will then consider one's character, values, and policy to determine the best candidate to vote for and not by the influence that money can buy. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support. As many of you know, I started off in politics as a campaign spending commissioner. As a young student coming out of college, wanting to volunteer and finding myself serving on the Campaign Spending Commission. So, this policy proposal is near and dear to my heart. Some of you also know that I'm a little bit of a history geek, a history nerd, and this program, the partial public financing, is something that is mandated by our State Constitution. In fact, it was developed in the 1978 Constitutional Convention.

"So, as a history geek, as a little bit of a history nerd, what I love about this institution is that this is a place where we are constantly talking to each other across generations, across years, across legislatures. And when I looked to this Constitutional Convention, the proceedings of 1978, over 48 years ago. Some of us weren't born. I can say I was four years old. It is so unbelievable to see the names of the people who supported this. Weatherwax, Hale, Waihe'e, Ihara, Campbell, Takitani, Jim Shon, a predecessor of mine when he was a young man. And to hear that they were saying many of the same things about campaign financing then in 1978.

"I want to share the words of delegate Shon when he was talking about this proposal, about putting this into the State Constitution, and why we needed it. He said, 'what we have before us is the marketplace syndrome--that is, those who are wealthy, those who are plugged in, those who have connections to the sources of wealth, they are taken care of. But those who are not--why, they should compete as well as anyone else. After all, all is fair--everything being equal. But everything is not equal. When we are electing public officials, we're not electing everyone who has the same income, or the same opportunities to gather financing for their campaigns. Supposedly we're electing people to serve, and the qualifications for service I have never seen written down in any Constitution or any law--that the qualifications must be that you are successful, wealthy, have access to resources to finance your campaign in a luxurious way. Supposedly the qualifications to run for office have to do with character, opinion, willingness to serve.'

"Delegate Shon goes on to say, 'I would ask you to consider that under the present system, those who have the most wealth are favored. Under the proposed committee proposal, those who do not have an awful lot of wealth, an awful lot of connections, are given a fighting chance.'

"He goes on to say, 'This idea of imposing a burden on the taxpayer--I do not understand that because, as one of the delegates who spoke earlier mentioned, every time someone is elected whose campaign has been financed, not by his constituents but by a very special-interest-oriented group--every time someone is elected in that manner, I submit to you, the constituents of that representative have been compromised. I ask you to support the existing proposal on the basis that it gives those who do not have a great deal of wealth a fighting chance.'

"Those words ring true today with this proposal. With this proposal, that makes available for public financing more money that has not been significantly increased since 1995, over 31 years ago.

"Madam Speaker, the last time partial public financing was used in a significant way was by Governor David Ige taking on an incumbent, and he was successful. He did not have all the money behind him, but he had the people behind him. And I think it's because of this kind of program that we give a fighting chance. We give people an option. We give voters options. And that that makes for a stronger democracy.

"So, for those reasons, I strongly support this proposal. And I thank the Judiciary chair and the Finance chair and leadership for moving this bill forward. Because I think as we look at questions of corruption, the need to restore trust, it is measures like this coupled with others that we are taking up this session that will do exactly that, begin to restore public trust in our democratic institutions. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support. I would like the words of my Good Government Caucus co-chair entered into the record as my own. And just a brief comment. Just to reiterate that this measure will

level the playing field for candidates, especially good candidates who want to seek public office. *Mahalo*," 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 H.B. No. 2050, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Kitagawa, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160-26 and H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161-26 and S.B. No. 3215, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3215, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Perruso, and Poepeo voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162-26 and S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163-26 and S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. During the discussion on this in Transportation, the testimony showed drawings of such a wing-in-ground craft. So, it's something that is in, I guess in discussion, it's not like technically really real. They are to test it in waters on the East Coast, which I feel is not conducive to our Hawai'i oceans conditions and environment. So, I rise in opposition at this time. So, I think we're just kind of, it's like kind of the cart before the horse situation here. Thank you very much."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In opposition and a comment. I feel like the exemption proposed in this bill is extremely premature for the technology, which is far from being proven safe. This bill is for REGENT and its prototype sea glider. It's an electric craft that starts off in the water, it hydrofoils, and then it goes airborne. And transition through these three phases still do not work reliably and will remain in prototype indefinitely.

"Last October, a demonstration flight malfunctioned. One of the wings struck the water and the craft needed to be towed back to port while they figure out what went wrong. So far, they've only been tested in very calm conditions, not in our waters, and still unsuccessfully. Our channels are rough and unforgiving and some of the roughest waters in the world. Also, highly corrosive salt air.

"I know there is a push to get these to Hawai'i ASAP, but I am more cautious. Prove it somewhere else before you come here and put our most vulnerable residents at risk. I'm concerned that our most vulnerable community members will be the ones, our *kūpuna*, our *keiki*, our medically frail, who will end up being the guinea pigs for this technology.

"These crafts fly about 30 to 60 feet above the water, so like that gold ornament up to the ceiling above the water. It's unclear if they measure from

the trough or the crest, but that can be a significant variation depending on a swell. And that limited space doesn't provide for a lot of space to course correct or to get out of the way if you're in the water.

"I've heard sentiment that yes, it flies where whales breach, but they're not actually going to bang a whale. Well, they're not until they do. And the waters in Maui County are also a whale sanctuary. So, we need to have that extra level of consideration. And it's not just the whales, it's seabirds, porpoises, dolphins. And there are other things like logs or driftwood or turtles in the water that could come in contact with the hydrofoils and cause hazards.

"I'm also concerned for traditional and customary practitioners and practices. Having these craft fly so low, above the water while practicing *kilo* or subsistence gathering can substantially interfere with the sanctity of the practices. Even with fishing, diving, paddling, boating could also be impacted.

"Perhaps we do need to establish a new regulatory structure for these types of emerging technology at the state level, but for now that is the PUC, I guess, and that's what we have. I would support an exemption at a point in time that we do have a better place to place it at the state level. I know that the Coast Guard oversees some of these aspects, but this will be occurring in state waters. So, I do think that we should have some state-level oversight to provide the public a space to participate. So, for those reasons, not in support of this bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. And I ask that the words of the representatives from Moloka'i and Lahaina be entered into the record as my own, and if I could say a few more words. As the representative from Kaka'ako, where Kewalo Basin is located, the aircraft that's being referred to here would actually, from my understanding, the plans are for it to take off and land in the waters of Kewalo Basin. So, some concerns have been raised about where would the public go to if the noise and if the threat to the people using the water, if it does become a concern. And I echo the sentiments made by the representative from Moloka'i, that there needs to be a clear place for the public to bring its concerns and questions. Thank you very much," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In strong support. I'd like to adopt the words from the representative from Moloka'i as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 11 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Hartsfield, Iwamoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Poepeo, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164-26 and H.B. No. 1618, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1618, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166-26 and H.B. No. 1969, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1969, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support. So, after learning about this measure passing out of conference committee, I had a chance to reflect on all the work that it goes into getting a measure across the finish line. It really does take patience and a village to take an idea and turn it into action. I want to start by thanking my colleagues, all of you first, in both the House

and the Senate. And especially the House chair of Health, chair of Human Services and Homelessness, the Consumer Protection and Commerce chair, and the chair of Finance, along with the Senate chair of Health and Human Services, chair of Consumer Protection, and the chair of Ways and Means for scheduling this bill in their respective committees and allocating the funding for it.

"There are countless volunteer advocates from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and other cancer advocacy groups, oncologists, medical professionals, University of Hawai'i Cancer Center researchers and staff, members of the Hawai'i Comprehensive Cancer Coalition, and the Colorectal Cancer Task Force that really made a difference along the way.

"So, members, this is really a full circle moment for me. I actually floated the original idea of this bill back in 2012. It started with then the House Health chair, Ryan Yamane, who is now the DHS director, which is another ironic full circle movement for him because he now runs the department that will implement this program. And also, Senate Consumer Protection chair, Senator Roz Baker, who introduced not only the original version of this bill in 2012, but multiple versions of this bill over the years. I also believe this is a full circle moment for her as well, since in those 14 years, not only did she introduce many versions of this bill, but she also worked to create a colorectal cancer screening working group in that time.

"But Madam Speaker, let me be clear, this is not just something that deserved to pass because it waited 14 years. Colorectal cancer has become the number one cause of death for people under the age of 50. Here's a statistic, one out of every five colorectal cancer diagnoses are for people under the age 50. It is alarming because we've operated under the assumption that the onset of cancer increases with age. And the increase in cancer diagnoses among younger adults is concerning.

"Colorectal cancer is treatable, however, if caught early. We have seen immense strides in early detection and screening modalities that can catch this deadly cancer early. But a lot of times, colorectal cancer can grow undetected without any visible signs or symptoms. And simply waiting for the warning signs to show can be dangerous, because at that point, it might be too late. This is why this program is so important. So that everyone has access to a potential life-saving screening and treatment.

"There is one other person I would like to recognize, Madam Speaker. It is the late state representative and former vice speaker of the House, Jackie Young. To me, she was a true champion for cancer patients and their families. I learned a lot about the legislative process and advocacy from her when she shared stories of her time in the Legislature. While she is no longer with us, I know she would have been proud to know that this legislature prioritized cancer screenings for people in our community who need it the most, so that we can continue to save more lives from cancer. Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure. It has finally come full circle for cancer prevention for the people of our state. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1969, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167-26 and H.B. No. 1541, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1541, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168-26 and H.B. No. 2310, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2310, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169-26 and H.B. No. 2498, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2498, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170-26 and H.B. No. 2443, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2443, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. We all remember the disabled *kūpuna* who perished in the August 2023 wildfire. According to the Department of Health, one in seven Hawai'i residents has a disability. Half of the physically disabled are *kūpuna*. As the only federally-acknowledged physically disabled member of this body, I introduced HB 2443, a bill I call SAFER, support for accessible fire and emergency response, that improves emergency planning, response and recovery efforts by creating a Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency disability specialist position, ensuring fire and disaster planning and response considers disabled individuals.

"Federal ADA law requires that state governments give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from activities. But more importantly, all community members deserve to be considered in times of disaster. And this bill is a start at recognizing this longer-term goal. I am grateful to my colleagues who supported this bill, and the chairs of the Public Safety and our Finance chair, who saw the wisdom in protecting our *kūpuna* and our disabled members of our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2443, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171-26 and H.B. No. 2218, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2218, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Cochran rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"I question the concept of co-management of public lands with negotiations not open to the public. Terms of management not to exceed 65 years if a lifetime. I can see that the intent of this bill as written has the potential to be taken advantage of and applied to the co-management of a very sacred parcel in Lahaina with a Hawaiian non-profit entity that has been functioning secretly without public or lineal descendant involvement only working with select people in their decision-making efforts. There can be positive merits to public and non-profit partnerships. I just question the wording with this particular bill knowing the players and potential future plans of highly culturally sensitive lands in Lahaina."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2218, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172-26 and H.B. No. 649, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 649, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I previously voted down this bill with the goal to protect cost-of-living issues and preventing increased small business costs. But as I have gone through committee hearings and

conference committee and weighing the amendments back and forth, I realize there is a balance of give and take and the need for our government to fund needed repairs and maintenance. So, at this point, Madam Speaker, I trust my chair's judgment and that this bill can strike a fair balance between paying for infrastructure use and improved facilities that help promote one's business to thrive. So, I rise in support. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations, only in the sense that I know that as we rebuild Lahaina Harbor in places, the fees will be collected and the businesses will pay into it and have been. But it doesn't necessarily go back to the, the revenues don't go back to where they were taken, from the actual businesses. And so, that's been an ongoing complaint of the businesses, in certain districts if there's fees, penalties, and charges on certain items, but they go back to general fund, or most of the brunt of the allocations go back to this island due to probably the sheer number of population. So, hopefully moving forward in the future, we can work on something where where fees are collected, that a good portion of that revenue goes back to where it was garnered from. 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. 649, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 5 noes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173-26 and H.B. No. 2104, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2104, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Poepoe rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Poepoe's written remarks are as follows:

"In support, because the intent is good, but the problem is much deeper and will not be solved by this measure. Stipends, or the lack of compensation for service, are not what is preventing our burial councils from functioning. This year, only one new member was appointed to a burial council statewide despite multiple vacancies. That is not because qualified applicants do not exist. They do. There are viable, capable, and culturally grounded applicants already waiting in the pool.

"The real problem is political dysfunction and abuse of power.

"The advise and consent process has become so consumed by politics, personal agendas, ego, and power games that it is actively crippling the burial council system. Individuals entrusted with authority over these appointments have chosen to weaponize that authority, blocking qualified applicants for no legitimate reason while our burial councils remain unable to function.

"On Moloka'i, qualified applicants have been repeatedly stalled and blocked, not because they lack merit, but because certain individuals responsible for advise and consent enjoy exercising unchecked power over the process. The consequences of that failure are not abstract. They are real, and they are disgraceful.

"Because of this dysfunction, we have *ivi kūpuna* sitting in boxes on shelves in government offices, unable to be properly reconsecrated or returned to the care of *'ohana*. We have inadvertent discoveries that cannot be properly addressed because there is no functioning burial council to act. We have descendants being denied the ability to validate claims and participate in decisions regarding the remains of their own ancestors.

"This is not merely bureaucratic failure. It is a moral failure.

"We speak endlessly in this building about respecting Hawaiian culture, protecting *ivi kūpuna*, and honoring traditional practices. But those words mean absolutely nothing if we know the problem and do nothing to fix it. When we accept and act as if it is okay that qualified applicants are

deliberately blocked while ancestral remains are unable to be cared for because political egos matter more than basic responsibility.

"Frankly, if we cannot handle the authority entrusted to us without abusing it, then we do not deserve to hold that authority in the first place.

"This bill attempts to address part of the problem, but it still does not go nearly far enough."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2104, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174-26 and H.B. No. 1710, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1710, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Cochran 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. 1710, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175-26 and S.B. No. 2802, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2802, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177-26 and H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179-26 and H.B. No. 1891, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1891, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180-26 and H.B. No. 1890, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1890, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in support. Teacher pay in Hawai'i has not kept pace with reality. While salaries may look competitive on paper, when adjusted for the cost of living, Hawai'i teachers are among the lowest paid in the nation. Years of salary stagnation has made it harder for educators to build a future here. Many teachers have to resort to taking second jobs. The result is clear. We are losing teachers at an alarming rate. Too many leave the profession or the state within just a few years, creating instability in classrooms, impacting student success.

"Retaining experienced teachers is just as important as recruiting new ones, if not more important. This bill is a statement that Hawai'i believes in its educators. By reaffirming annual and longevity step increases, subject to collective bargaining and legislative appropriation, we show respect for their expertise, commitment, and service. This bill sends a clear message, if

teachers choose to stay and serve our students, Hawai'i will value and support them."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1890, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181-26 and S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Perruso, and Poepee voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182-26 and S.B. No. 2101, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2101, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Kila, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185-26 and H.B. No. 2429, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2429, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"In support. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would normally question if this might possibly be redundant or unnecessary with the state auditor's work already being done in this area. But out of healthy respect and appreciation for the introducer and former Finance chair, I support this bill and look forward to important, meaningful data that can strategically guide this future legislature and legislation and policy for better and wiser funding or cutbacks as applicable for allocations. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2429, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 5 noes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, and Muraoka voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186-26 and H.B. No. 1870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 7 noes, with Representative Kila voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187-26 and H.B. No. 1839, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1839, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1839, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMMIGRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Kila and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190-26 and H.B. No. 2094, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2094, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY DUTY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191-26 and S.B. No. 2671, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2671, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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.B. No. 2671, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ESSENTIAL PERMITTING POSITIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192-26 and S.B. No. 2673, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2673, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193-26 and S.B. No. 2892, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2892, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition. This bill appropriates funds to the City & County of Honolulu to facilitate the receipt, handling, and humane disposition of feral chickens that have already been caught. Why are we giving the county money to do something they should already be doing? Whenever we allocate funds to the county for these kinds of things, I think about the way we raise revenue. We raise revenue from working families, whereas the county raises the majority of its revenue from land owners.

"If they already caught the chicken, why do they need state funding to humanely dispose of it? What are they going to do? I mean, what are they going to do if we don't give them the money? They have the chicken. Anyway, I'm opposed to this bill."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2892, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Iwamoto, Muraoka, and Souza voting no.

At 1:25 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2344, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1888, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2474, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1576, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2050, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3215, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2247, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1618, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1969, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1541, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2310, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2498, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2443, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2218, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 649, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2104, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1710, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2802, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1891, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1890, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2101, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2429, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1839, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2094, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2671, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2673, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2892, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we are going to defer Conference Committee Report No. 196-26, located on page 46, this is H.B. No. 306, one legislative day."

REMARKS DELIVERED: Vice Speaker Ichiyama

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196-26 and H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194-26 and S.B. No. 2057, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloha moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2057, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2057, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 8 noes, with Representative Kila voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197-26 and H.B. No. 2592, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloha moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2592, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. I want to start by acknowledging the immense work that went into this measure by the introducer of this bill along with your Water & Land and Judiciary Committees. And I also want to be clear about one provision I do support, and that is the authority to extend existing leases, which is necessary if astronomy is going to continue in Hawai'i.

"The current leases on Mauna Kea are approaching expiration in 2033. In astronomy, seven years is not a long runway. These are long-term capital-intensive investments that require decades of planning, financing, and sustained commitment. Without the ability to extend those leases, institutions will hesitate to invest here, or they will invest somewhere else. So, while granting lease extension authority during this transition is not

ideal, I believe it is necessary to provide stability and preserve a future for astronomy in Hawai'i.

"But I cannot support the broader direction of continued delay. At the same time we are trying to create certainty for long-term investment, this bill extends the transition timeline, pushing full implementation of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to the end of 2029. Madam Speaker, I feel that sends a conflicting message. On one hand, we are telling the world that Hawai'i can provide the stability needed for long-term astronomy. But on the other hand, we are signaling that we are not still ready to fully execute the transition we already committed to. That uncertainty has consequences.

"Madam Speaker, we have already seen opportunities slip away. Hawai'i lost out on a roughly \$500 million international investment involving the Canada-France Hawai'i Telescope because of uncertainty surrounding future leases and long-term governance on Mauna Kea. That is not just a missed project. It is a loss of jobs, research, innovation, and global partnership. And more importantly, it sends a signal to the rest of the world that Hawai'i may not be able to provide the certainty that projects of this scale require. When uncertainty grows, investment goes elsewhere. When timelines keep slipping, confidence erodes. And when confidence erodes, Hawai'i risks losing its standing as a global leader in astronomy.

"But Madam Speaker, my concern goes beyond astronomy. This also affects our credibility as a legislature. Deadlines are not arbitrary. They are put in place to create urgency, drive progress, and ensure accountability. When we extend those deadlines, we send a message across government that timelines are flexible, expectations are negotiable, and if an entity falls behind, it can simply come back and ask for more time. That is not a precedent we should normalize. At some point, we have to hold the line. We have to show that when we set expectations, we mean them. And we have to demonstrate that we are serious about follow through.

"As chair of your Committee on Higher Education, I care deeply about the future of astronomy in Hawai'i. It represents opportunity for our students, our workforce, our research community, and our place on the world stage. But leadership requires credibility, it requires urgency, and requires discipline in how we govern. This bill gives astronomy one tool it needs. It authorizes lease and sublease extensions before the transfer and up to additional 10 years. But it also extends a transition that should be moving faster, not slower. We should be reinforcing confidence, not raising new doubts. So, while I support the lease extension authority as necessary to sustain astronomy in Hawai'i, I cannot support the broader direction of continued delay. For these reasons, I stand in opposition. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I stand in strong support. With the exception of his opposition, I'd like to adopt the words of the previous speaker. They're well said, and I hear him," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kusch continued, stating:

"I do want to point out that another important role that this bill provides is the ability for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to move forward as it has been. While it's been painfully slow, they're gaining speed. And at this point, to change tack or reverse course, I believe, would be more detrimental.

"So, providing them the means and the guardrails to move forward as the preferred entity to steward Mauna Kea, to balance culture and astronomy, is probably the best path forward. It provides the guardrails of the key deadlines for the management plan adoption, submission of administrative rules. And if it doesn't meet those, it will revert back to UH. But I think it needs the time. And that extension provides them that little bit of time to do that community outreach piece and meet all those intangible pieces that this complex legislation is trying to achieve. So, with that, I support this. And I hear our Higher Education chair clearly. Thank you."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2592, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA

STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 8 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Cochran, Garrett, Iwamoto, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, and Souza voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198-26 and S.B. No. 3157, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3157, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative 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 S.B. No. 3157, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199-26 and S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. We cannot forget the children in Hawai'i who have been hurt, abused, and even lost their lives within the system that was meant to protect them. Those tragedies are real and they do demand action. Doing nothing is not an option from us and our body. And the intent behind this bill, which is to provide early, upstream support to families and prevent deeper involvement within CWS, is a good intent.

"But as this measure has moved through the process this session, it has shifted. What began as a framework for voluntary services now raises concerns about identifying and potentially tracking families deemed 'at risk' without clearly stating in statute that engagement must remain voluntary. That lack of clarity indeed matters.

"We've been down this road before. After past tragedies, similar bills were brought forward SB 2323 back in 2018, and later, what many know as Ariel's Law. Each time serious concerns about privacy and government overreach caused those efforts to stall. In 2022, even Governor Ige vetoed a similar bill because of those same reasons.

"We are told that the implementation will follow existing safeguards, and I appreciate those assurances from the department head. But if those protections are important, which they are, they should be written clearly into the law itself, not left to interpretation later. Because once authority is granted, it must be clearly limited.

"We do have a responsibility to act, but we must act within the constitutional guardrails that hold back the winds of government intrusion and overreach. Those guardrails protect families and preserve trust within the system. Right now, this bill leaves too much unresolved. Madam Speaker, we can take meaningful steps to protect Hawai'i's *keiki* while still respecting the rights of families. Because we have to get it right. For those reasons, no vote."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I just wanted to provide some clarifying comments that this is an entirely voluntary program just meant to provide financial support to connect families who are not in the Child Protective Services system but may have had some contact, to provide them with access, to connect them with all kinds of programs that exist in our state to lift up families and reduce the stress and resource scarcity that they might

be facing. And also, to connect them with parenting and family strengthening classes.

"This is a response to the Mālama 'Ohana Working Group, which was organized by this body. And they basically, people who had direct lived experience with the Child Protective Services gave their opinions, their *mana'o*, on how we can do things better. And one of the strongest messages that was put forth was to raise up and help the families before their children are taken away. So, that's what this does. It has nothing to do with anything post custody. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. Only in the sense that of course I support our needy families and assistance. But this particular bill states that over \$830 million were found unspent in this state. And that was eye opening. And this is going to create this pilot program, which is like a working group, again. And they're going to discuss how to disperse almost a billion dollars they found unspent here. And it's going to take 2.4 years till they finally decide on the final outcome on where the money is going to go. So, personally, I feel like we need it now, and not wait 2.4 years from now in order to utilize almost a billion dollars for our needy families. Thank you."

Representative Marten rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to provide further clarification. The funds that were being referred to are our TANF reserve funds. And this proposal would use a small portion of those funds. Some of those funds were used last fall for the Hawai'i Relief Program. They have built up in our state because if we were previously, because of federal regulations, COFA residents were not eligible to receive those funds. And as a result, we could not provide any programs in our state that did not also include a state funding to provide the same service for our COFA residents. Now that the federal regulations have changed and we're able to use TANF relief funds for all of our residents, including COFA, now we are starting that spend down. And it started with the Hawai'i Relief Program. And now we're looking at other ways to very meaningfully use these funds in many different programs, including this one. Thank you."

Representative Cochran rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you so much. Second time. And so, also in the bill, it states in many, multiple other bills that we passed through this body, a report to be given to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of next session. And today, as I stand here, we're still awaiting such reports, in particular an audit. And so, it's in here and I support, of course, receiving reports to see how money's been spent down and utilized. But what happens when it doesn't come through? I just have not seen any recourse on our behalf as a body to force the issue to make sure that it comes onto our desk. So, again, I just hope we can put some more teeth and put a little more urgency and hammer on when we put these words into our bills. Thank you, still in opposition."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Cochran and Garcia voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202-26 and S.B. No. 2580, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2580, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, in opposition. But first I want to just recognize that I commend the chair of Economic Development in the House and the Senate for doing their job and doing this work for the subject matter under their purview. My concerns here are just that in a year when we are repealing a bunch of other tax credits that arguably will help to lower the cost of living for Hawai'i's working families, this is the one tax credit that we are

expanding. And I just worry about what that says about our legislative priorities. And for that reason, I'm voting no today."

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

"I rise in support. I rise today in support of this measure and want to thank the committee chairs and members for their leadership and thoughtful work in moving this bill forward. *Mahalo* as well to the film industry professionals, local businesses, labor partners, and creative talent who advocated for this measure and shared their expertise throughout the process. This bill supports Hawai'i's economy by creating local jobs, strengthening opportunities for small businesses, hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, and many other industries across our islands.

"It also helps showcase Hawai'i to the world. Every movie, television show, or streaming production filmed here highlights the beauty and culture of our islands while generating valuable exposure that supports tourism and economic activity statewide. Beyond the economic impact, this measure helps create career pathways for local residents in film, media, technology, trades, and creative arts, allowing more *kama'āina* to build meaningful careers here at home. I'm proud 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 S.B. No. 2580, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOTION PICTURE, DIGITAL MEDIA, AND FILM PRODUCTION INCOME TAX CREDIT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Cochran and Lowen voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 203-26 and S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Reyes Oda rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"I rise in opposition. I have concerns about SB 2074 and the precedent that will set for the future, but I'm going to specifically only address the naming rights. Aloha Stadium is more than just a venue. It is a public space built with public funds and it belongs to the people of Hawai'i. Because of that, the name matters. Names carry history, culture, and meaning. Names help people understand the relationship with our *āina*.

"When we allow a private company to name a public facility, we're making more than a financial decision. We're making a statement about our values. We should ask ourselves whether a few million dollars a year, which won't significantly offset operating costs, is worth the trade off.

"Residents are rightly concerned that if this bill moves forward without clear, significant safeguards, there are no meaningful standards for cultural respect, no clear limits on contract length, and no strong protections if a naming partner later becomes controversial or inconsistent with community values. Once these contracts are signed, future legislatures may have little ability to undo them.

"Where is the line between generating revenue and turning public spaces into advertising platforms? And what precedence does this set for other state assets? Soon, there will be price tags on other state buildings and monuments.

"This is not simply a budget issue. It's a question of stewardship and public trust. I don't believe that we need to rush this decision. We should take the time to add guardrails and ensure that any decision reflects Hawai'i's values and our responsibility to future generations, not just to short-term financial pressure. For these reasons, I'm voting no. I remain cautious about this measure and the precedent it would establish. The names of these state buildings, our buildings, our names should never be for sale."

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

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

"In support, permission to insert written comments in the Journal. And also, Madam Speaker, I would like to say that the good late representative

of Hawai'i Kai would be happy that this bill has made it to final reading today."

Representative Garcia's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Senate Bill 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1.

"Madam Speaker, this measure represents a practical and forward-looking step toward completing the stadium project and honoring the commitment we made to the people of Hawai'i. It does so by creating sustainable revenue opportunities that reduce reliance on taxpayers while strengthening long term partnerships. Senate Bill 2074 allows the Stadium Authority the flexibility to enter into naming rights, marketing, and advertising agreements that can generate substantial and lasting revenue for the state. These are not one-time dollars. These are ongoing revenue streams that can support operations, maintenance, and future investments without repeatedly coming back to this body or the general fund.

"Just as important, this measure creates meaningful opportunities to support local businesses. By modernizing how concessions and partnerships are managed, we open the door for local vendors and local brands to participate in the stadium's success, ensuring economic activity stays rooted in our communities while still respecting and honoring Hawai'i's culture and identity. This bill allows us to be competitive and financially responsible while maintaining local character and cultural respect. It acknowledges that honoring our culture and embracing smart economic partnerships are not mutually exclusive.

"Having worked for decades to open naming rights for Aloha Stadium as a way to stimulate our economy, the late representative from Hawai'i Kai, Gene Ward, would have called this a great day in our state's history as we take this meaningful step toward creating a better Hawai'i for future generations. Finally, Senate Bill 2074 moves us closer to fulfilling a promise. The people of Hawai'i were told this stadium would be completed, and this Legislature has a responsibility to follow through. This bill helps ensure the stadium is not only built, but built sustainably, with a clear plan for financial stability moving forward.

"For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I respectfully urge this body to support Senate Bill 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Poeopoe and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 205-26 and S.B. No. 3025, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3025, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support. Madam Speaker, this is a great bill that we are able to accomplish. This help for people in medical debt. I want to take this opportunity to speak to my colleagues here. And I believe as importantly is how we as leaders help our people by creating policy and systems that are more proactive and preventative to avoid and minimize these outcomes that we are addressing in this bill. As much as we can, Madam Speaker, I believe we should try to educate our people regarding good health, healthy lifestyles, diet, exercise, regular checkups, as well as financial literacy, to confirm fiscal balance and discipline, to practice this type of lifestyle. And making sure to establish adequate health insurance coverages.

"Madam Speaker, I know that as I've experienced my time here, my short time here, I'm surrounded by people who have this at heart and attempt to do this to a large degree. Again, I felt it would be opportune time to highlight this lofty goal. I don't have the answers, but I'm surrounded by many who I believe can collectively move our people and our state in a healthier direction, no pun intended. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

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"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. As we look at our families, working families struggling with the cost of living in our communities, we know that housing, childcare, higher education, and health care are some of the highest cost drivers. So, this bill, like so many other states that are looking at medical debt, really addresses one of those large cost drivers. And for those reasons, in strong of Senate Bill 3025, CD 1. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3025, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 207-26 and S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PETITIONS TO TEMPORARILY RESTRAIN AND ENJOIN HARASSMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 208-26 and S.B. No. 2125, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2125, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition. This bill allows the Department of Education and charter schools to hire unlicensed individual teachers on an emergency basis for five rather than three years. It requires that unlicensed teachers hired on an emergency basis make continuous and verifiable progress towards satisfying licensing requirements.

"The reason why I'm opposed to this bill is because, although I appreciate that one element that they pursue continuous and verifiable progress towards satisfying licensure requirements, the problem is there was no enforcement language put in. There was no consequence. What would happen if on the first year the emergency hire doesn't pursue anything, just doesn't even bust a move to get pursued licensures. And so, what happens then? And what happens on the second year? Do you revoke the license? Do you kick them out? There's no consequences. So, my concern with this is that it was just, that language was put in just to make some people feel better, possibly. Because I don't see how this is going to be enforced. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2125, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Garrett, Iwamoto, and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 210-26 and S.B. No. 2367, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2367, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 211-26 and S.B. No. 2599, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2599, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. My reading of this bill, it includes \$49.5 million for the Stadium Development Special Fund. I surveyed my district last month and received almost 400 responses. I asked the question, how do we fund this new Aloha Stadium? The majority actually said either that they did not want a new stadium or that the stadium should be built with private money only. Thank you very much."

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

"In support, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I can understand we have varying views on any one issue. I am in support of our Aloha Stadium redevelopment project that is located in my very strategic District 32. Going through conference committee and having some discussion with members and chairs, I've gained understanding how important this bill is towards the success of this project, which I am behind.

"The developer has worked earnestly and tirelessly to deliver this project to our state. With such a complicated process accomplished to date, we need to very carefully and respectfully consider our shared goals for a win-win outcome. Based on seeing the opposing testimony from the developer, what was highlighted for me during conference committee was how important our discussions and coordination is needed for our bills as legislators creating them. So, and I just want to digress, I felt the proud moments of the representatives from Pearl City and Kihei. Again, just going back to the great and important work we do here to do something great for our people. And I would like to thank my colleagues for your support for our new Aloha Stadium development. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2599, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 212-26 and S.B. No. 3007, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3007, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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.B. No. 3007, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 213-26 and S.B. No. 2001, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2001, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2001, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 215-26 and S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. This bill achieves the state's goal of reducing carbon emissions, encouraging sustainable transportation, and promoting community health. This will strengthen communities and help clean up areas like Chinatown. Thank you to the Transportation chair."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Olds, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 216-26 and S.B. No. 903, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 903, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Senate Bill 903 reaffirms and carries forward one of the state's most important constitutional *kuleana*, our duty to Native Hawaiians through stewardship of the Public Land Trust. This measure is grounded in both history and law. The Public Land Trust came into the state stewardship from the Hawaiian Kingdom without the consent or compensation of the Native Hawaiian people. It carries an ongoing obligation under the Admissions Act and Article 12, Section 6 of our Constitution to advance the betterment of Native Hawaiians.

"Nearly seven decades after statehood, we still lack a complete and credible inventory of those lands, a fully verified accounting of revenues, and agreement on how the 20% pro-rata share should be calculated. SB 903 moves us forward. It strengthens the Public Land Trust Working Group, requires independent review and reporting, and sets a clear path to resolve long-standing questions around inventory, revenue, and methodology. It also directs the state and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs towards a reconciliation framework grounded in transparency and accountability.

"And just as important, this bill responds to the reality we are facing today. As we stand here today, we are seeing real and immediate impacts from federal funding cuts to Native Hawaiian programs. Programs that serve our *keiki* and our *kūpuna*, like Tutu and Me, Hawaiian language medium education, health care, and others, are all at risk.

"Where the federal government is stepping back from its responsibility to indigenous communities, we will not. When the federal government has failed the Native Hawaiian communities here at home, we will not. We will step forward. This legislature will stand in the gap to support our people, protect these programs, and ensure our *keiki* and *kūpuna* are not left behind.

"This bill provides a one-time investment of \$55 million to stabilize these programs and carry them through this period of uncertainty. This is not a permanent solution, but a necessary bridge at this time. It gives our communities the ability to sustain critical services while we do the deeper work of fulfilling our constitutional obligations through a long-term framework. This is about responsibility. This is about stability. This is about rebuilding trust between Native Hawaiian communities and this state government. And this is about upholding Hawai'i's commitment and *kuleana* to the betterment of Native Hawaiians.

"I am proud to say that this House majority is delivering on our commitment to support Native Hawaiian communities this session. We said we would prioritize Native Hawaiian families, strengthen long-term solutions, and ensure resources are reaching our people. And today, we are doing just that by advancing this measure.

"*Mahalo* to our Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs chair and vice chair for guiding this measure, and to our Finance and Ways and Means chairs for their leadership, and to our Speaker to make this a House priority. This outcome is possible because of collaboration across both chambers and continued consultation with the Native Hawaiian caucuses of these bodies. As chair of the Native Hawai'i Caucus and *Kānaka Maoli*, I respectfully ask for your support of SB 903."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. The previous speaker took all of the good lines. And so, what I'm going to say right now is simply that my appreciation to this body for our leadership and vision for this bill. And also to our colleagues on the second floor for their support of this as well. And also, to the advocates from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and throughout the Native Hawaiian community who have insisted for decades that we fulfill this important obligation. So, I just want to express my gratitude that we are taking this important step here today and *imua. Mahalo*."

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. May I please adopt the words of our Native Hawaiian Caucus chair as if they were my own, and the representative from Kalihi is if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kila continued, stating:

"Madam Speaker, to continue the discussion, I am so happy that this measure is coming before the body today. Because in some way, shape, and form, as frustrated as it can be what's happening at the federal level, I think there is some gratitude to be shared. Because I think what is happening federally has forced us to act locally.

"When we live in the State of Hawai'i, the Constitution that it is enshrined to us is to support Native Hawaiians, both through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Under duress, we are answering the call and stepping up to the plate to find a path forward. The majority caucus leader talked about programs like Tutu and Me. Madam Speaker, Tutu and Me serves Native Hawaiians and non-Native Hawaiian students alike. The programs that benefit Native Hawaiian often uplift non-Native Hawaiians as well. I always talk about when we uplift our Native Hawaiian communities, we uplift Hawai'i as a whole. So, programs like this, to find a path forward, is important now more than ever.

"And I think locally, no matter what is happening, I'd like to say, and I feel in my heart, that no matter what political party we are in, that it is always a shared effort to support our Native Hawaiian communities. So, delivering on that promise through SB 903 in its conference draft form would not be here without the hard work of the majority caucus leader, the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs chair, and every single member to see this through, and House leadership for continuing to remind us that this legislature will no longer wait to act. Instead, we will act and lead in a path forward to support all of these communities. So, for what the next two years may bring, I only hope we can continue to prosper and thrive and respond to the needs of our communities, and those are the *Kānaka Maoli* and our Native Hawaiian folks. *Mahalo nui*."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 903, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 2, Conference Draft 1. And *mahalo* to the majority caucus leader for her words in regards to this measure. And just another disclosure, I know that I previously made this disclosure when this bill came before this body initially, but prior to me sharing my remarks, I would like to once again disclose that my brother is the vice chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"This measure reflects a continued and necessary effort by this legislature to fulfill the state's long-standing trust obligations under Section 5F of the Hawai'i Admission Act of 1959 and Article 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution. At its core, that obligation is clear. The Public Land Trust exists in part for the direct betterment of Native Hawaiians. As a Hawaiian myself, I carry this responsibility in a personal and lived way. It is not abstract or academic, it is rooted in the people, families, and communities that raised me.

"When Hawaiians thrive, Hawai'i thrives. This bill ensures we do not lose sight of that obligation. It strengthens the systems through which we carry out this trust responsibility, recognizing that these duties are ongoing and require consistency, accountability, and follow through over time. What is held in trust must be managed in a way that reflects its purpose and the people it is meant to serve.

"At the same time, Senate Bill 903 acknowledges present-day needs in a practical and intentional way, providing support for critical services in

education, health, economic development, and community-based initiatives. Resources that directly impact families across our state. Specifically, the \$55 million appropriation is a one-time transfer from the carry-forward trust holding account to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fiscal year 2026 to 2027. It is an allocation rather than an ongoing or formula-based payment tied to the Public Land Trust revenue structure. The funds for the use of Native Hawaiian programs and services that address critical short-term needs specifically in areas such as education, health, economic development, and community-based initiatives are important. The measure also places a clear restriction on prohibiting the use of these funds for residential or mixed-use development projects or related infrastructure.

"This measure is especially important now in light of recent federal actions where funding for certain Native Hawaiian programs have been reduced or in some cases eliminated altogether, while other critical supports, including those tied to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and broader Native Hawaiian serving initiatives remain uncertain. These are not abstract shifts in funding streams. They are directly impacting housing, health, education, and other essential services for Native Hawaiian families. In this environment, even small disruptions in support compound existing unmet needs across communities. The state's trust responsibilities become even more critical in ensuring stability, continuity, and support for the communities these programs serve.

"Ultimately, this measure reinforces a straightforward principle, the Public Land Trust carries with it a continuing obligation to ensure the betterment of Native Hawaiians, and that obligation must be carried out faithfully, transparently, and with integrity. For these reasons, I am in strong support of Senate Bill 903. And thank you everyone who was instrumental in moving this measure forward this session. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Hussey rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Still in support. I wanted to add one thing. While we are celebrating the passage of this bill, I do want the record to reflect that what we are currently contemplating as the Public Land Trust is absent of some 130,000 acres which were removed from that Public Land Trust at the time of statehood. Those were lands that were part of the previous crown and government lands corpus, but were taken by the federal government during the territorial period without the compensation to the people of Hawai'i. Without payment of back rent and certainly without payment for the title to those lands. And I do hope that Public Land Trust Working Group will be able to, in time, fully assess the value of those lands as well. Certainly, it is out of scope in our current situation, but I do hope that things will change in subsequent legislatures.

"And I'll just give you one round number to contemplate, which is that for 130,000 acres, just the back rent on that alone could be in the billions of dollars. I've seen one number with \$29 billion for that back rent. And so, that would be substantial additional revenue to the State of Hawai'i and to the Hawaiian people. Thank you very much."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. And I would like to adopt the words of the representative from Kailua-Kona, the other Kailua, as if they were my own, and also the most recent words from our representative from Kalihi, and to offer brief comments," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Marten continued, stating:

"The cuts to programs are really affecting my district. We have a lot of incredibly vibrant programs, many of them actually sponsored by community members who bring so much to the table already from the community, and the federal funding just meets them part way. To have the opportunity for OHA to possibly fill the gap for some of those programs and keep them going is really exciting.

"And in addition, I just wanted to mention that our Native Hawaiian community is very, very well aware of what is owed them from the Public Land Trust and are always asking us to do right by them in that. And I'm so glad that we're making a small step in that direction. Thank you."

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

"In support. I'd like the words of the majority caucus leader adopted as my own, except for the part, I am *Kānaka Maoli*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I also would like to adopt the words of our majority caucus leader as my own. In addition to that, we heard a number of members speak about *kuleana*. And this *kuleana* has been carried by many, and that's what *kuleana* is. *Kuleana* is showing up and carrying the load when you're asked to step up.

"And so, really, my *mahalo* goes to our majority caucus leader, to our speaker, to our Ways & Means chair on the Senate side, our Judiciary chair, because they met that *kuleana*. And because of that, Senate Bill 903 really transitions abstract ideas and notions into tangible results. \$55 million to support so many of our Native Hawaiian programs that will transition individual lives at a time where we're getting asked to step up and provide more *kuleana*. Vice Speaker, this is a proud and glorious day for our Native Hawaiian community and for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to meet that challenge and meet that *kuleana*. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Morikawa rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the previous speaker as well as the caucus leader and the representative from Kalihi be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Olds rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the previous speaker as well as the caucus leader and the representative from Kalihi be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. May I adopt the words of my Hawai'i Island neighbor in South Kona as if they were my own. And I would also like to thank her for her immense work in moving this issue and this conversation forward. Being able to connect all of the stakeholders, the chairs, community members on a tough Native Hawaiian issue is really important. And I am so honored to serve on a body that believes in fighting for what's right," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. And yes, this is a big day, and this is a lot of money. Standing in support, I suppose with some reservations, but if I may speak to it. I'm in support with reservations. So, I mean, this great. Obviously, this is, for me, just the start and beginning. \$55 million will go into the hands of OHA. And we have to make sure our state and the people in need of these funds need to make sure that it gets into their hands.

"So, and I had spoken to a representative just the other evening about these funds, very ecstatic and happy. At the very end of the description of this bill, it states the prohibition of use cannot be for planning, developing, or construction residential or mixed-use projects or related infrastructure. And so, this person felt that this wording could be in litigation because the Kaka'ako Makai project that OHA has lands on.

"And I am in touch with people who do not believe in the state and this government. And OHA is sort of an offshoot of this state government. And so, there is currently recognized on the global, international, European, UN level, there is a sitting actual House of Keōua here in Hawai'i. It is respected, it is honored, it is recognized. So, personally, I believe this entity ought to be acknowledged and be part of the discussion. When I see the makeup of this working group, it is all state appointed. And these are just some of the glaring, I guess, reservations I have in discussion with people who are still, they never did buy into the state government of the *pae'āina*.

"So, these are just a few points that I want to make, but obviously, yes, needed money. And I'd like to just see that it gets into the proper hands of the Hawaiian people in a good, positive manner. Thank you very much."

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

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"Thank you, Speaker. In support. So many words to adopt. I would like to adopt the words of our majority caucus leader, the representative from Kalihi both times, and our Transportation chair," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Poepe continued, stating:

"I would just also like to echo the sentiment of thanks to our majority caucus leader, Hawaiian Caucus chair, who without her effort, we would not have the bill in front of us today. She, I think, pulled something off that I don't know that anyone else could have in the final phase of conference. And it's a huge positive step to, we owe a lot, and we have not been meeting our mandate to OHA. And this is a big step toward getting to that place where we can regularly, hopefully, regularly meet our mandate.

"I found it really shocking when we started looking into this that we had an account of money that can only be paid to OHA that was collecting money that we were not giving them. So, I'm just really proud of this moment and to have been a part of it. Also, thank you to our Judiciary chair who also helped get this across the finish line. And just very grateful, and this is maybe my favorite bill that we're passing this year. Thank you."

Representative Kila rose to respond, stating:

"Second time support, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I also want to acknowledge that I know the majority caucus leader worked super hard with our Senate counterparts to make sure that this measure passed. So, to our Senate colleagues, our Senate co-convenor of the Native Hawaiian Caucus, Senate WAM chair, Senate President, and our Senate chair on the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, our sincere *mahalo* to them.

"And I just want to continue talking about when we are fortifying OHA in Constitution, we are prepping them for one day to be the organization to serve as the holder to prep for a nation-to-nation relationship. So, as we continue to know and support our Native Hawaiian communities, let us not forget, the intent for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is to help sustain and thrive a nation-to-nation relationship for the kingdom, whatever path we shall take. So, with this money, I'm sure we'll continue to find a path forward for that future nation."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 903, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 218-26 and S.B. No. 3253, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3253, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. I feel like we should just go home after that SB 903 passing. But, Madam Speaker, I'm in opposition with comments. I appreciate the Legislature's efforts to enhance endangered species protection. However, I have to acknowledge the concerns brought up by the attorney general. While this bill no longer directly establishes a nonprofit entity, it would recognize a nonprofit organization formed pursuant to Senate Resolution 94 and assigns it a formal statutory role in conservation activities.

"Despite this revision, significant legal issues remain. Most notably, the bill exempts state funds provided by the Hawai'i Conservation Sanctuary from Chapter 42F. And this is a problem. Current law vests control over wildlife, wildlife sanctuaries, and conservation land acquisition squarely with DLNR. SB 3253 does not clearly state how the recognized non-profits activities align with DLNR's statutory authority, raising the possibility of duplicative authority or fragmented management of sensitive conservation resources.

"In short, while the shift from establishing to recognizing a nonprofit improves the bill's posture under nonprofit law, it still does not resolve the core constitutional funding and governance concerns identified by the

attorney general. Clarifying the DLNR oversight and restoring Chapter 42F safeguards would significantly strengthen the bill's legal footing. Madam Speaker, we should defer this bill because it is premature to pass this ahead of the resolution's working groups conclusive report that is vetted and developed by the board of natural resources, Land Use Commission, and other subject matter experts. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3253, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 219-26 and S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. And I just want to agree with the previous speaker that it feels like such a bummer and buzz kill to talk about bonds after the celebration of SB 903. But I rise in opposition because this bill, as I understand, basically helps allow the state to ratify counties' reliance on bonds. Counties can raise revenue by taxing empty homes, they can raise property taxes on investment properties, or property held by REITs or even LLCs that are avoiding conveyance taxes. We should not make way for counties to keep protecting today's wealthiest investors and then doubling down on the cost to build these buildings and doubling the cost of these buildings by adding debt services over the next 20 years just to assign debt to the next generation. For this reason, I'm opposed to this bill."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 220-26 and S.B. No. 3219, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3219, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in support with reservations. Thank you. This bill is a companion, I think, with the bill before. This basically puts the question on the ballot that allows the public to participate in our rulemaking process. So, while I oppose the question and the issue I just spoke against, I support giving voters the chance to vote on their future indebtedness. Since we do not have a state voter referendum, residents only have an opportunity to directly participate in this decision-making process through these ballot votes on constitutional amendments if we pass bills like this. I support voters and residents having more say in government, so I support sending voters as many questions for them to consider. My only reservation is the subject matter. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3219, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 223-26 and S.B. No. 3132, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3132, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 226-26 and S.B. No. 2907, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2907, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2907, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Cochran and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Perruso, Pierick, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 228-26 and S.B. No. 2930, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2930, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Cochran rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cochran's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill has a lot of questionable moving parts that can make its success difficult. There's matching fed monies being asked for, multiple entities to be coordinated for construction, challenging timelines, etc.

"Hence, my reservations that it appears very supportive with lots of money to be appropriated but the devil is in the details as I see it."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2930, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Cochran voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 230-26 and S.B. No. 2268, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2268, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 231-26 and S.B. No. 2543, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2543, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, 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.B. No. 2543, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Hartsfield, Kusch, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 232-26 and S.B. No. 2694, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2694, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

Representative 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 S.B. No. 2694, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 35 ayes to 15 noes, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Grandinetti, Iwamoto, Kapela, Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Lowen, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Shimizu, and Tam voting no, and with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 233-26 and S.B. No. 2613, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2613, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Alcos being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 236-26 and S.B. No. 3325, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3325, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Alcos being excused.

At 2:20 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:21 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2057, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2592, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3157, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2861, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2580, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2074, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3025, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2567, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2125, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2367, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2599, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3007, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2001, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 903, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3253, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3219, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3132, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2907, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2930, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2268, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2543, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2694, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2613, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3325, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

END OF CALENDAR

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we are now going to go back to page 30 and Conference Committee Report No. 80-26."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-26 and H.B. No. 1550, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-26 and H.B. No. 1550, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose to speak in support of the motion to recommit, stating:

"In support of the recommitment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the bill, as it made its way through the Legislature, was a good bill originally, regarding testing strips of drugs. It turned into something else during conference. So, the move to recommit is a good move. In support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee and H.B. No. 1550, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representative Alcos being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we will turn to your digital action sheets by clicking on the action sheet tab on the top middle of your screen.

"We will be taking up two motions, one to suspend the rules to reconsider our previous action in disagreeing to the Senate amendments, and one to reconsider our previous action and give notice of the intent to agree."

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representative Alcos was excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Kahaloa moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representative Alcos was excused.)

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, (SD 1)

H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, (SD 2)

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, these measures will appear on Friday's Order of the Day for agree and final reading."

DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please reference your digital action sheets once more. We will be going over House Concurrent Resolutions, which are after the House Bills, so please scroll to the bottom.

"We will be giving one day notice for the following measures. These measures will be up for agreement to the Senate amendments and adoption on Friday."

H.C.R. No. 18, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 32, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 53, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 98, HD 1, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 105, HD 1, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 122, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 173, SD 1

H.C.R. No. 179, HD 1, SD 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kila: "Just briefly, Madam Speaker, I really want to thank the House and Senate for allowing us to celebrate the inaugural Laulau Day celebrations and to our many partners who helped make this year a success. Look forward to many more laulau days in the future. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Matayoshi: "I just want to remind everyone that the blood drive is tomorrow. We still have maybe 10 open slots. I think we only have about five people from the entire Senate. So, if the Senate's listening, please participate too. The House has about 15 though, so we can also do better. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:34 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2026. (Representative Alcos was excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 6, 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 House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 14, 2026, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, SD 1

House Communication dated May 6, 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 House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 16, 2026, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated May 6, 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 House has this day passed the following bill on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

House Communication dated May 6, 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 House has this day passed the following bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 649, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 2

H.B. No. 1481, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1509, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1511, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1515, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1518, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1541, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1548, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1576, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1618, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1643, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1661, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1678, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 1682, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

H.B. No. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

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 H.B. No. 1707, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1710, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1711, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 1854, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1864, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1870, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1888, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1890, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1891, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1894, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1920, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1959, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1960, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
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