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FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

Friday, May 8, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 10:04 a.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Kila and Kitagawa.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 816 through 818) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 816, dated May 6, 2026, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 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. 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. 1688, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1692, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 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
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 H.B. No. 1718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1728, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1741, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1785, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1800, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1801, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1802, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1804, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 1853, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 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
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 H.B. No. 1973, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2023, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2050, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2078, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2094, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 2095, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2104, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 411, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 3324, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3325, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 817, dated May 6, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolution in final form:

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

Sen. Com. No. 818, dated May 6, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on May 6, 2026 reconsidered its action taken on April 22, 2026

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

S.C.R. No. 50, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 149, SD 1, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kusch introduced members of the Hilo High School girl's water polo team, 2026 Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) Champions: Maulihiwa Weissman, Joy Shaffer, Tess Hagan, Ryah Calicdan, Noelani Moleni, Kainahe Goo, Kitiara "Nakila" Kua, Daisy Kawaihae, Emma Iwashita, Ariana Sibayan, Stella Raye, Keawehiehie Aiona, Lilinoe Tonelli, Teuila Barclay, Harmonee Afong, Terangi Moleni, Malia Kusch, Maya Buckley, Madilyn Rutan, and Sativa "Kanani" Primacio; coaches: Kanoe Lyons, Traci Taniguchi, Kauluwena Aiona, Hulai Weissman, Relly Araceley, and Robin Grioni; and manager, Taylor Calicdan.

Representative Olds introduced his staff: Jeanette-Charloette Lum, Kathryn Lau, and Grace Kim.

Representative Lowen introduced her staff: Jun Shin, Jillian Shiba, and William Lobendahn.

Representative Kahaloa introduced her staff: Nanea Spies, Cassandra Rios, and Clare Ann Ronquillo; and students from Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīkōkalanī 'ōpu'u.

Representative Amato introduced her staff: Joe Ritter, Maddax Tsuchiya, Macy Rose, and Maria Christiansen; and Maria's parents from Norway: Torunn and Roald Christiansen.

Representative Woodson introduced his staff: Ange Ramos, Molly Farmer, and Christine Kubota; and Jason Bradshaw and Sarah "Mili" Laffin from HSTA.

Representative Belatti introduced her staff: Virginia Johansen, Ka'iliahī Morala, and Morgan Lee; her sister, Darcie Kawamura; and her husband, Michael Belatti.

Representative Kong introduced his constituents: Walter Kawa'i'aea, Luana Kawa'i'aea, Aaron Kawa'i'aea, Kaihilei Pimental, Kayln Pimental, Lori Kawa'i'aea, Tish Hanakahi, Mary Lou Hardisty, and Makalena Shibata; and Dave Erdman from the Retail Merchants of Hawai'i.

Representative Templo introduced Angela Meloday Young and Tim Redkin; her *hānai* family: Percy Sialana and Margarita Domingo; and her staff, Ed Thompson.

Representative Shimizu introduced his wife, Joy Shimizu; and his friend, Diane Roy.

Representative Garcia introduced his staff: Hunter Harris, Emily Moore, and John Hawelu IV.

Representative Matsumoto introduced House Minority Research staff: Thomas Kunz, Maya Sweeny, Raeceen Satele, Cailey Filipino, Brittany Schwendiman, Rogelio Leal, Kyle Mina, Peter Claproth, and Michelle Katchuck; and her staff: Sharon Claproth, Amanda Neuman, Kiana Akana, and Meghan Dougherty.

Representative Pierick introduced Hali'i Hollinger.

Representative Perruso introduced her staff: Yvonne Yoro, Conner Birdsall, and Zaz Dahlin.

Representative Iwamoto introduced her staff, Kate Ozawa; and Aria Juliet Castillo, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action.

Representative Todd introduced House Finance Committee research staff: Mykelle Brainard, Faith Carrigg, Laine Fischer, Kirsten Smith, Sophia Perry, Cayla Jurison, and Kevan Wong.

Representative Kapela introduced her staff, Haileigh Paola-Santos.

Representative Grandinetti introduced her staff: Erin Enriques, Ian Murakami, and Katharine Tracy.

Representative La Chica introduced her staff: Tosa Lobendahn, Tiara Tenorio, and Alani Santana.

Representative Ilagan introduced his staff: JB Araula, Chelsey Borreta, Charles St. Sure, and Kari Sochor; and House Communications staff: Breeann Joaquin.

Representative Miyake introduced his staff: Kathi-Lyn Kahana, Kawika Kahana, and Michael Hughes.

At 10:20 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Grandinetti, Kitagawa, Pierick, and Poepoe were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2 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. SB 2069, dwelling unit revolving fund, DURF Fund pilot program. Units are included in the program, \$103,000 trying to use these funds to offset first-time home buyers. People can take unfair advantage of this. Where does it say that it goes to our people who are our workforce that we always talk about? The gap group, the firemen, the teachers, the nurses, where does it say? Where does it say that?"

"Realtors offset the cost for people between 80 to 140 AMI. I'm even in this bracket. Interest-free loan, transit-oriented development zone. Interim reports only states how much money you spent, but tells me nothing about accomplishing your mission to house a workforce. And so, for me, this is not spelling out that it's really going to go to the people we all want to house, firefighters, teachers, healthcare, agricultural workers. So, with that, it leaves me room for concern. And I'm in opposition, thank you for the time."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Cochran voting no.

H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT DONATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2 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:

"In today's digital age, social media platforms have become deeply integrated into our daily lives, collecting and storing vast amounts of personal information, photographs, messages, and user activity data. As technology continues to evolve, individuals should have greater clarity,

control, and autonomy over their personal digital footprint and online presence.

"HB 1753 represents an important step toward strengthening consumer privacy rights and accountability in the digital space. This measure establishes clearer processes for users to request the deletion of their accounts and personal data from certain social media platforms, while also creating standards for compliance, enforcement, and record retention.

"As concerns surrounding data privacy, online exploitation, cyber harassment, and the misuse of personal information continue to grow nationwide, this measure reflects Hawai'i's commitment to protecting consumers and modernizing privacy protections in an increasingly digital world. Individuals should not feel powerless when attempting to remove their information or disengage from online platforms.

"This measure also recognizes the importance of balancing consumer protections with reasonable implementation timelines and operational adjustments for platforms. Throughout the legislative process, significant discussions occurred regarding definitions, compliance procedures, enforcement mechanisms, and implementation standards to help ensure the measure is both meaningful and workable.

"The extended effective date included in this measure is intended to provide social media platforms with additional time to review, adjust, and implement their internal account deletion procedures, compliance systems, and operational processes necessary to meet the requirements established under this act. During this interim period, I also intend to continue working collaboratively with stakeholders, industry representatives, advocates, and legal experts to further refine and clarify the definition of 'social media platform' to ensure the law is appropriately tailored, enforceable, and effective in protecting consumer privacy rights.

"*Mahalo* to the advocates, privacy rights organizations, technology professionals, legal experts, educators, parents, students, and community members who submitted testimony, shared concerns, and provided thoughtful feedback and support throughout the legislative process. Your perspectives helped strengthen the conversation surrounding digital privacy and consumer rights in Hawai'i.

"*Mahalo* as well to the House and Senate committees that heard and advanced this measure, including the Committees on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Economic Development and Technology, Judiciary, and Finance, as well as the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection, Judiciary, and Ways and Means. Thank you also to the Senate and House conferees for working collaboratively to finalize the language of this measure.

"A special *mahalo* to the advocates and stakeholders who continued engaging in productive dialogue throughout the process to help refine the measure and elevate the importance of digital privacy protections for Hawai'i residents.

"Through our collective efforts, this measure represents another step toward ensuring that individuals have greater control over their personal information and are better protected in today's evolving digital landscape."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2 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, this bill gives the Agribusiness Development Corporation, ADC, the power to acquire property through eminent domain condemnation. And I believe this is quite extreme authority to give any entity, let alone the ADC.

"Based on the state auditor's 2021 report, there were some significant issues that were stated, including concerns with operations, land

management, lack of meaningful plans, minimal board oversight, and some record keeping and financial records that were of some auditor concerns. So, although I understand and appreciate that ADC has since taken steps to improve, I believe we should have some stronger safeguards clearly written into the law before we allow this bill to pass, giving them this authority.

"So, short of these protections already being put in place, I feel that it would be inappropriate to grant this level of authority. And by passing this bill, we as a legislature are giving up our duty and responsibility to protect our constituents. So, based on these facts, I believe the proper thing is to defer this bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, the word 'condemnation' and 'eminent domain' is a scary word, or scary words. With good reason, because people think that the government is going to go in and take their land. And so, the original bill that was voted out of the House and Senate before conference committee gave them the power under Chapter 101 to do that, the ADC.

"What we did in the conference committee, and I want to give a shout out for the negotiations with the introducer of the bill, and also the chair of the Economic Development & Tourism Committee in the Senate, is that we narrowed this bill. So, we're not even giving ADC the full power of condemnation. And I'd also like to point out that this is not a new power. This power has been on our books prior to statehood.

"And I'd also like to point out that while the Agribusiness Development Corporation, their sole power is to promote and develop land for agriculture, we also give this power to the Hawai'i Housing and Finance Development Corporation in Section 516-23 and 201H-229. We also give this power to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority in Section 356D-15. We also gave it to the School Facilities Authority in 302A-1703. We even give it to franchise corporations for ferry systems in Chapter 268, for corporations that do railway systems in Chapter 273. And we give it to departments, DOT under Section 264-63, and DLNR under Section 195-4 and 184-3. So, what we're really giving is half the power of eminent domain that we're giving to all of these other departments and government entities. So, for those reasons, I urge all members to support this measure. *Mahalo.*"

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

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

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

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

"Thank you, I rise in opposition. And because of the list, the laundry list from the Agricultural chair, that is my main reason for my opposition."

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

Representative Gedeon's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to SB 2169.

"I support agriculture, food security, and responsible infrastructure planning. But this bill grants the extraordinary power of eminent domain to a quasi-independent public corporation rather than a traditional government department directly accountable to the public.

"Eminent domain already exists in Hawai'i law when truly necessary. The question before us is whether we should expand that authority under definitions broad enough that nearly any project could be justified as serving a future agricultural purpose.

"Once that authority exists, negotiations between the government and property owners are no longer truly balanced. Landowners know that if they refuse, the property may ultimately be taken anyway.

"I appreciate the intent behind this measure, but eminent domain is one of the strongest powers government possesses. It must remain narrowly limited, carefully restrained, and subject to the highest level of public accountability.

"For those reasons, I will be voting no."

Representative Shimizu rose to respond, stating:

"In opposition, second time. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank the Agriculture chair for sharing a counter argument. I would still debate that, just because something is already done doesn't necessarily make it okay to continue that practice, because there are some concerns. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 11 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, and Shimizu voting no.

H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. Great legislators have worked hard for decades to pass strong, smart, environmental legislation. Since 1961, HRS 205 has been the bedrock of land use law in Hawai'i. Doing away with basic SMA permitting that protects our shoreline and environment sets a dangerous irreversible precedent. For 65 years, HRS 205A has authorized SMA zones to protect our shoreline, natural resources, and ensure public access to beaches. HB 1823 undermines these core environmental values.

"To be clear, this bill is not needed for housing nor infrastructure, nor for rebuilding Lahaina. Because infrastructure like repair and maintenance of roads, highways, and utility lines, even homes are already exempted under Section 205A-22. HB 1823 would allow any federal, state, county, and even approved private projects to proceed in coastal zones on Maui without SMA review. Any project. Unlike O'ahu, on Maui we have a small, appointed planning commission that approves such projects. Giving the commission new, unlimited development authority without adequate permitting review is unprecedented and undermines decades of environmental protection. Let me be clear, a FONSI is not an SMA.

"This bill also puts hundreds of millions of dollars in federal coastal zone funding at risk. For the last 50 years, Hawai'i has received often \$2 to \$3 million per year, and some years much more. In 2023, \$8 million. In 2024, over \$68 million. If we pass this bill, we will likely lose all future federal coastal zone management funding. It is fiscally irresponsible to risk hundreds of millions of dollars in future federal aid.

"There are other good reasons to vote no. Maui County has frequently been sued for ignoring state land use law. Recently, they lost the Second Circuit Court case under Judge Hamman, then appealed to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and now have asked to have it elevated to the Hawai'i Supreme Court. The appeal will be argued before the Supreme Court on June 18th. This bill is clearly about undermining the pending Supreme Court case. I hope we all hold judicial independence as a core governing value. Will we really pass a law to both undermine a recent court ruling, and worse, to bypass a pending Hawai'i Supreme Court ruling before it is even made? I think the rule of law matters. We must let the courts do their work, not do an end run at the cost of our environment.

"This is not only about the county. The White House has virtually eliminated the EPA, the Clean Air and Clean Water Act, and more. We cannot, in good conscience, pass state laws ceding our state authority and

just let the federal government do whatever it wishes without question. Not now, not ever.

"Here's some perspective on county attitude on permitting. Maui County Department of Management asked for my support. So, I asked the Maui Department of Public Works director, Jordan Molina, exactly why the county needed to bypass the SMA protection process. I asked, what is the problem getting a permit? Neither department would even reply.

"For a shocking perspective, Director Molina recently described the massive flooding as a nuisance at this point. That dismissive attitude was stunning and insulting to everyone who lost their homes across Hawai'i, and pervades the Maui County permitting process as well. The governor told me we will have to pay \$250 million of the billion dollars in Kona flood damages. That is more than a nuisance. Those are our tax dollars. Those are community members who lost their homes.

"If economics, budget, or tourism is your concern, remember that our environment is our economy. Tourism contributes a direct 22% of our economy and indirectly much more. We must not kill the goose that laid the golden egg and certainly not kill the endangered nēnē.

"Let's be clear, your island is at stake too. Given the sad state of federal environmental protection, we must all be concerned about the slippery slope of undermining HRS 205 and future environmental impacts. It is the future of Maui today, but is your island next? We need to stop this now. Article 11, Section 1 of the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Oath of Office we all took to support requires us to conserve and protect the state's natural beauty and natural resources."

Representative Hussey rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Amato continued, stating:

"There is no good reason why Maui County should be exempt from following the long-established SMA process. And I just gave you 10 good reasons why this bill should die here today.

"Madam Speaker, I urge a no vote or request support of a recommit of HB 1823, a potentially disastrous environmental bill, which will ultimately hurt our economy and damage our fragile, beautiful environment and way of life. Do not open Pandora's Box of unrestricted development without environmental review."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise in opposition with brief comments, please. Coastal Zone Management, CZM, this bill redefines development for counties with a population between 150,000 and 200,000, which applies to Maui County. And it appears harmless and may have been intended to expedite the rebuilding of places like Lahaina. But it would create massive, massive loopholes that would dismantle safeguards in all of Maui County. If passed, a long list of coastal activities in Special Management Areas, the SMAs, would no longer require review or allow public input. Development needs to happen in a smart, culturally sensitive, and environmentally sound way.

"Historically on Maui, in order to get due diligence and the public's voice heard, people have had to file lawsuits with current laws in place. To challenge the Maui Planning Commission that has tended to favor FONSI's, finding of no significant impacts, disregarding the impacts to our environment and culture. This bill would fast track a process that would leave both the public and the Maui Planning Commission out of the process.

"Additionally, this bill is contradictory to other bills that have moved through the Legislature right now, like the marine deposit bill. And as stated by the previous speaker, this is a slippery slope and will set precedence for the rest of the state. I question why this is pinpointing just Maui County. And the two speakers are from the island, are standing in opposition. So, I'm hoping that everyone here will take heed to our voices that represent Maui County as a whole. And with that, that's my explanation for my opposition. *Mahalo.*"

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. On this bill, I thought it started out as a good proposal to help Lahaina's rebuilding. And I have the greatest respect for the introducer and my chair. But I have since changed to opposing in respect to the two representatives from Kihei and Lahaina. And just acknowledging their *kuleana*. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In opposition. I am extremely disappointed that the County of Maui chose to pursue this route rather than working with our communities to resolve these concerns collaboratively. And I want to be clear that it is a choice.

"This measure significantly weakens Hawai'i's Coastal Zone Management framework by broadly expanding exclusions from the Special Management Area, or the SMA. It is framed as streamlining infrastructure, but the real effect will be reducing oversight in some of our most vulnerable and environmentally sensitive areas.

"The Special Management Area is special for a reason. These areas are identified as posing heightened environmental, coastal, and public safety risks, oftentimes in areas known to have significant flooding. SMA review exists to ensure hazards are identified and minimized, environmental impacts are mitigated, and that development proceeds in a safer, more thoughtful, resilient way that keeps our communities safe.

"It's also one of the few public processes requiring agencies to come before communities in an open forum to receive feedback before moving forward. This public process is particularly critical to receiving input related to determining impacts to constitutionally protected traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices. The county should not be using the Legislature to get around talking to their communities and to avoid meaningful public accountability.

"Recent flooding events across the state have shown us exactly what happens when development, drainage, hazard, planning are not carefully scrutinized. Communities have experienced failing roads, damaged or destroyed homes, massive runoff into the ocean, and collapsing infrastructure. These disasters, though, do not justify weakening oversight. They demonstrate why oversight is necessary and why thoughtful planning is necessary and why including community into those decisions is necessary.

"In the aftermath of disasters, there's understandable urgency to quickly rebuild. But urgency cannot become the justification for bypassing the safeguards designed to protect the community. These increased frequencies of storms and disasters puts us in a place where we have the opportunity to make choices to do things differently than we did in the past. And to me, this bill is just bad planning. And I see also the possibility that it could further hold up development even longer than the time to get a permit because lawsuits will likely result. And for these reasons, I strongly oppose this measure. Thank you."

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

"Speaker, I stand in support. Speaker, I just want to let you know and the general public know that this bill was given to me by Maui County. Yes, this is a Maui County bill. And yes, this bill was originated because of a court case. And in my hand, I have the judgment of that court case. I want to quote to everybody here and to the general public what the court, what the judge ruled.

"On the very last page, page four, the last section, number 11, the court states, and I'm quoting here, this court agrees with the plaintiff that if the defendants are concerned with the time and resources devoted to assessments, then the defendants should seek relief from the Legislature. And let me repeat that, Speaker. The defendants should seek relief from the Legislature. The defendants, which is Maui County, is only doing what the plaintiff and the court told them to do. I find it so ironic that they are doing exactly what the plaintiffs told them to do, now the plaintiffs are in opposition to what they told them to do. Thank you, Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. With respect to the remarks from the Water & Land chair, which I do appreciate, my reading of this is that the judge in this case has proffered this as a political question, that it

provides the standard opportunities for the Legislature to weigh in. And I would say that it is our responsibility to exercise restraint and to not erode our very important environmental protection laws. Thank you very much."

Representative Hartsfield rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of representatives from Moloka'i and Kalihi Valley be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Same request and comment. Maui County, from my understanding, it was the executive branch of Maui County that pursued the judgment. However, we as a legislative branch, there's presumptively a checks and balances. It's not as if we should just take the executive branch's request from a county and just automatically pursue that end result. We are here to deliberate and weigh the impacts from a legislative perspective. And for many times, the legislative perspective is reflective of the community process. So that's why I do stand in strong support of the testimony from the representative from Moloka'i and her focus on community voices. Thank you."

Representative Cochran rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise still in opposition. And I want to reiterate some words I believe was spoken already by the representative from South Maui. It addressed that, tells about how Maui County has already been sued for trying to do less with this SMA bypass for sidewalks on Maui. And they lost in court because they did not have the authority to define development under the law as HB 1823 proposes.

"Maui County lost in the Second Circuit Court under Judge Kirstin Hamman. When appealed, that decision in an Intermediate Court of Appeals, then asked to have it elevated to the Hawai'i Supreme Court. This case is scheduled to be argued before Hawai'i Supreme court on June 18th, which has not even occurred. And here we are trying to undermine and interfere. So, we will pass a law to undermine recent court rulings and to bypass a Hawai'i Supreme Court ruling before it's even made. This is not judicial independence.

"And you know, we've set other examples similar to this example I'm stating with the audit, with the brown bag thing. And so, I'm just, why are we handpicking this one to push forward and to support? I continue to rise in very strong opposition. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 33 ayes to 18 noes, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Grandinetti, Hartsfield, Hussey, Iwamoto, Kapela, Matsumoto, Olds, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Reyes Oda, Shimizu, Souza, and Tam voting no.

S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. Thank you. Heading into this session, we were presented with a very large and complex budget problem. Due to a combination of revised forecasts, declining consumer confidence, and federal changes to SNAP and Medicaid, the financial outlook for our state government was pretty rough. Solving a billion dollar-plus shortfall is not possible without finding some shared sacrifice and cannot be done in a way that completely avoids pain.

"Through the bill before us, SB 3125, we have found a way forward that stabilizes our state budget, allows us to maintain and even expand our social safety net, all while actually giving a larger tax cut to our middle class than what was promised a couple years ago when we passed Act 46. Through preserving these tax cuts for our residents, local families will save thousands of dollars every year and Hawai'i will be cemented as having one of the lowest income tax burdens of any state for working-class families.

"To fix the puka in our budget, the revenue preserved and generated by this bill is about evenly split between some restructuring of existing high-income tax brackets, with a 2% marginal tax rate increase for our top 0.36% of earners, and the sunseting of a few very popular and important tax credits. While tweaking Act 46, I believe this bill honors the intent to dramatically reduce income taxes for local residents and give substantial relief to our middle class. Should our budgetary outlook improve, I look forward to finding a way forward to restructure or preserve some of these credits if we all make the determination that it's in our state's best interests.

"In the meantime, I will do my best to work with the administration and Senate to clear up any issues that arise this interim. Our intent in sunseting these credits, particularly the credit for solar energy, is to stabilize our budget, but do so in a way that does not have direct impact on projects that are already financed and underway. Should we need future legislation to clarify this intent, we will be ready. Thank you for your patience and for your support. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. With reservations. And I just want to say, I really didn't want to be here again, but at least I'm consistent. First, I want to say there's a lot of really great things in this bill. And I want to recognize the hard work of our Finance chair and Finance Committee. And I know they approach negotiations thoughtfully and with the best of intentions.

"But I do rise today with serious reservations about one part of this measure, the changes to Hawai'i's Renewable Energy Income Tax Credit. The House put forward a reasonable proposal. One developed in consultation with the industry stakeholders that would have achieved needed savings while still providing businesses and consumers time to adjust. It would have preserved certainty in the market and avoided unnecessary disruption. And unfortunately, the Senate refused to consider that approach.

"Instead, this bill imposes a cap structure that creates tremendous uncertainty for consumers, investors, and businesses. Unlike a straightforward reduction in the amount of credit that could be claimed per system or per property, this cap makes it impossible for families and businesses to know how much of the credit they will actually receive. And that uncertainty makes projects unfinanceable. And the people hurt most by that uncertainty are low- and middle-income households. Wealthier households may be able to absorb the risk and wait and see how the numbers work out. But working families can't. They need predictability before making a major investment in a system that will lower their electricity bill.

"Commercial projects that have long development timelines also face headwinds because of this bill. This bill provides no safe harbor protections for projects already underway, and some projects that were financially viable just a few weeks ago now may have to shut down.

"This policy is also retroactive. This means that families and businesses that made financial decisions earlier this year, in January, in February, in March, under the existing law, expecting to receive credits they were promised at the time they made those decisions, may not be able to get those credits. We're changing the rules after the fact, and they will not get what was expected. This is a highly unusual way to make policy. It undermines trust in government and sends a damaging message to investors and businesses operating in Hawai'i.

"Even the Trump Administration, when repealing the federal clean energy incentives, included safe harbor provisions to protect projects already in progress. And the House also proposed similar protections in conference and as a floor amendment for this bill, and the Senate refused them.

"I'm struggling to understand why we would take the power that we have as a legislature and use it to kill jobs and make the cost of electricity higher for people when the House had solutions on the table that could have achieved the same savings without causing this kind of damage.

"I also think this credit is being misperceived as a giveaway. The most recent analysis shows it as a net revenue generator for the state. It creates jobs, generates GET revenue, attracts outside investment into Hawai'i, lowers electricity costs for local families, and helps us meet our state energy

and climate goals. These things should be part of the calculus when we're making policy.

"The solar industry will survive this. They will limp back to life because solar is still a good deal and the technology continues to improve and get cheaper. But businesses do not respond well to sudden shocks and unpredictable policy changes, especially when they are already reeling from the loss of the federal tax incentives. Changes to the Renewable Energy Technology Income Tax Credit in this bill risks reinforcing the perception that Hawai'i is an unpredictable and difficult place to do business, even in the industries we claim to support.

"And so, for those reasons, Madam Speaker, while I recognize that there was a lot of good work contained in this measure that I'm very supportive of, I am voting with reservations."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support. First, I would like to adopt the words of the previous speaker in the record as my own. And I would like to thank the Finance chair and all those that worked with him to bring us back from the brink of a very scary proposed budget from the Senate, which would have gutted some of our departments, including the Department of Human Services, of which I'm the subject matter chair for this body. And so, I do appreciate that they are whole, they are able to continue to provide their services despite deep federal cuts. But I do echo the concerns on our solar energy.

"And I would just like to say that, if we are no longer committed to providing that carrot or incentive to stimulate this industry, which is important as it provides good jobs, lowers electricity bills, and also moves us towards our carbon neutral goals, which we are not on track to achieve. If we are committed to that, then we have to think about other policy tools, such as mandates, which this body has never had the will to do. So, if we're going to take away one tool, then we have to seriously consider other tools. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. And I ask that the words from the representatives from Waimanalo and from Kailua-Kona be entered into the Journal as if they were my own. And I'd just like to echo at least one of the points that the representative from Kailua-Kona mentioned, which was alternative revenue streams, such as obviously, many people are disappointed with the fact that the conveyance tax bill did not make it through. But that could have been something that would have raised revenue and then we could have preserved the tax credits that would've helped protect our environment. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In strong support for this measure with reservations about the provisions regarding the solar tax credit. And I'd like to adopt the words of the chair of Energy & Environmental Protection as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Amato rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the EEP chair be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

"With reservations, brief comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was going to vote no on the bill, and I did previously because it was the House version as it was gutted in the Finance Committee. I have to say, from the get-go of this bill, when the governor sent down his version of his plan in House Bill 2236, we've come a long way from there. What was sent down was an embarrassment and an insult, and as I said before, a slap in the face.

And I still view the House version that way. And I'm glad that what we have before us today for final reading preserves the 2024 income tax cuts.

"However, I do have to note some reservations, and that is we are now establishing a new tax bracket. Hawai'i is one of the highest states in the whole country with the highest amount of tax brackets. We're adding a new tax bracket to that. And we're also increasing taxes for the top 0.36%, I think it was. So, I can tell you, they're probably not in my district. But I have to say, I am very happy overall that we've preserved the promises made two years ago. And not only preserve them but gone even deeper for the lower- and middle-income families. So, for those reasons, in support with reservations."

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

"In support. I just want to start with saying I made a promise to myself in the very beginning when I first got elected that I will never vote reservations on a final vote, that it'll be either yes or no at that point because it's going to go into law. And I had to take a long look at this bill, there's a lot of moving pieces, there was a lot of discussion, there's a lot of changes over this session. But overall I am deciding to vote in support because I think we've come a long way from the original bill.

"We preserved the majority of the tax cuts and even improved most of them. Now I do have some concerns, but I recognize that we are in difficult times right now here in our state, and we had to do a lot. But I want to point out, I think this is the opportunity for government to really tighten our belts. And I think we could've done a little bit more.

"Now again, a lot of work was put in. But if we look at other states in the country like New Hampshire or Maine, who are about the same size in population to us, our budget is 25% higher, typically every year, than those states. It is not in times of surplus that the government will take a hard look at ourselves and say what are we spending money on, it is in the difficult times where we have to take that critical look. I know I've been encouraged through discussions that we're going to continue to take that critical look at our state budget. And I'm hopeful in the interim that we're going to address some of the concerns that we heard on the floor today. But again, I stand in support."

Representative Souza 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 with reservations, stating:

"In support with reservations, brief comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. As we all know, we were and are in a difficult position. And Finance chair and their committees had tough decisions, and they did a great job. I echo the words of my minority leader and the chair of the Energy & Environmental Protection and I'd like to adopt them as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mahalo, Madam Speaker. In support. May I please adopt the words of the Finance chair as if they are my own and provide further remarks," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kila continued, stating:

"Madam Speaker, today I'm in front of you, the Legislature is not just continuing to deliver and keep on their promise, we're expanding our promise. The brackets that we are keeping and expanding, Madam Speaker, those are residents that live exactly in 96792. They live in Nānākūli, they live in Mā'ili, and we are expanding it further.

"And like the representative from Kapolei said, the 0.31% folks that are in this new bracket, I maybe might have one or two. But for the one or two that are now income tax on that new bracket, I have thousands of residents who would severely benefit from this proposal.

"And I know there are concerns about the solar tax credit, but I have said it before, in order to go green, you got to have green. We are putting green in our constituents' pockets so that they can think about adopting these

proposals and going green. So, I really want to applaud both chambers for stepping up to see this forward and continue to deliver on our promise to make Hawai'i a better place for all."

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

"In support. And I'd just like to add the words of both the FIN chair and the chair of Energy & Environmental Protection into the Journal as if they were my own, and thank them both for their hard work during extremely difficult times," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support and same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support, same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support, same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In support, same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise in support, and I will be voting straight up but I do have concerns with this. And may I enter comments into the Journal."

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in support of SB 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, with the following comments.

"It is unclear how Section 1 of the bill which amends the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit under HRS Section 235-12.5 applies to calendar year 2026 and how it applies to corporations. The after-the-fact allocation of the total amount of the \$40 million annual credit under Section 1 also makes the financing of these systems more complicated, and it is also unclear what will happen to any carryover credits after 2029.

"Section 2 of the bill increases the top tax bracket for individuals in Hawai'i to 13% beginning in 2027. Since many locally owned businesses in Hawai'i are pass-through entities where income tax is paid at the individual level, such an increase cannot be a positive influence on economic development and job growth in the State of Hawai'i.

"In this respect, Hawai'i should seriously consider a more holistic approach to taxation as described in HR 60 requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct a study on the effect of state and county tax structures and programs on the long-term economic growth of the State of Hawai'i which the House of representatives adopted on April 9 of this year."

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

Representative Gedeon's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition.

"I want to first acknowledge the immense effort, the many late nights, and the genuine spirit of compromise that brought this bill to its final form. I am pleased that this version preserves the tax brackets and scheduled relief for the vast majority of Hawai'i's working families.

"However, my concerns are rooted in the belief that, for long-term policy to be effective, the state must honor its word in its entirety. While much of

the original relief remains, it does not fully uphold the commitment we made to our residents under previous law. Whether for my constituents in Hawai'i Kai or families across the islands, our people deserve the stability of knowing their government will follow through on its promises without repealing scheduled adjustments.

"In recent days, I have also heard directly from many constituents, including those in Hawai'i's solar and renewable energy industries, as well as small business owners who are deeply concerned about the long-term impacts of this measure. As a small business owner myself, I share those concerns.

"Sunsetting the Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit after 2027 creates uncertainty for local businesses that rely on consistency to plan, hire, and invest. In addition, new restrictions and the eventual repeal of the Renewable Energy Technologies credit by 2030 may slow progress toward sustainability, undermine consumer confidence, and risk the loss of hundreds of local jobs in our clean energy sector.

"I remain committed to working with my colleagues on a balanced approach that supports working families while maintaining confidence for local businesses and emerging industries.

"I believe Hawai'i residents deserve transparency, predictability, and a government that keeps its word.

"For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I respectfully vote no on this measure."

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

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

"Thank you. I rise in opposition, brief comments please. I appreciate all the work that went into this. In my district I have a lot of high-end tax bracket people and so that's one of my main reasons. And I will benefit from the lower taxation on my own self, as I'm in the lower income bracket. But for me and the district that I represent with the high per capita bazillionaires located, that's my opposition. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, in opposition. This bill, taken as a whole, increases taxes on the State of Hawai'i. I campaigned on saying I'm going to try to advocate for lowering taxes. This bill deletes tax credits. And if we are taxing more the rich, sometimes the rich own the businesses, and then the more they have, they can give it to their employees, they can reduce the costs of the goods they offer because the margins are better for that. So, I think from a structured economy perspective, this bill won't help the economy of Hawai'i, so I'm voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Iwamoto, Lowen, Muraoka, Perruso, Shimizu, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Gedeon, Hashem, Lee, and Pierick voting no.

H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise again in opposition to this. This appropriates dollar amounts to different agencies totaling over \$707 million to offset operational costs. But there are no details as to what the funds are going to and where. So, those are my concerns."

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

Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Cochran voting no.

S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2:

Representative Kahaloa moved that S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support. I ask you plainly, who does this democracy belong to? Is it the people of Hawai'i whose voices, votes, and lived realities give meaning to this institution? Or is it corporations, entities created by the state, empowered by law, enriched by privilege, but never intended to stand as political equals to the very people who granted them existence? Today, we answer that question, not quietly, not cautiously, but decisively.

"This is not just another bill before us. It is a defining moment where this body affirms the boundaries of power in our democracy. And with Senate Bill 2471, Hawai'i is not waiting for permission. Not following the lead of others. We are leading. We are making history by restoring a fundamental truth, power belongs to people, not corporations, especially political power.

"For too long, we have lived with a legal fiction that a corporation can stand shoulder to shoulder with a human being in the political arena. That it can spend without limit, influence without accountability, and project a voice so powerful that it overwhelms the very people our Constitution was written to protect. That imbalance accelerated after the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. Before it opened the floodgates for corporate money in our elections.

"*Citizens United* did not merely interpret the law, it fundamentally altered the landscape of our democracy, elevating corporate spending into a force that no individual can realistically match and allowing entities created by the state to shape the system that governs us all. But here in Hawai'i, we are not bound to accept that outcome as inevitable. We are guided by a deeper constitutional principle rooted in the very foundation of our state. That all political power is inherent in the people, not in a corporate charter, not in accumulated capital, not in illegal construct designed for commerce, but in the people.

"SB 2471 gives that principle force. It speaks with clarity and conviction. Corporations are not natural persons. They do not think, they do not vote, and they do not participate in our democracy as human beings do. They exist because the state allows them to exist, and that matters. Because what the state creates, the state defines. What the state grants, the state may limit. A corporate charter is not a right, it is a conditional privilege. This bill makes that unmistakably clear.

"It affirms that corporations may conduct business, build, invest, hire, grow, and contribute to our economy and communities. But it also draws a firm and necessary line. They may not spend money to influence our elections. Because when corporations enter the political sphere, they do not simply participate, they dominate. They bring financial resources no individual can match, amplify certain interests while crowding out others, and tilt the playing field through sheer financial force.

"Over time, that distortion erodes trust, distances people from their government, and leaves voters questioning whether their voices still matter. This bill corrects that imbalance. It restores fairness. It protects the integrity of our elections. It ensures that when the people of Hawai'i participate in the electoral process, when they open their ballots, consider their choices, and cast their votes, they do so in a system where their voices are not overshadowed by corporate spending. It reinforces a simple but powerful truth, democracy belongs to the people who participate in it.

"And let us be equally clear about what this bill does not do. It does not limit the rights of individuals, it does not silence speech or restrict advocacy. People remain fully free, fully empowered to speak, to organize, to support candidates and causes and to make their voices heard. What this bill does is define the limits of entities that exist only because the state has granted them that existence. It draws a clear and principled boundary between economic power and political power, and it makes clear that they are not the same."

Representative Kong rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza continued, stating:

"Thank you. The work we do in this chamber every day matters deeply. It shapes our communities, supports our families, and moves Hawai'i forward. And today we build on that work in a profound way by strengthening the very foundation on which all of it stands, our democracy. So, I ask you again, who does this democracy belong to? Stand with the people of Hawai'i, stand for a democracy grounded in human voices, stand for the principle that corporations are not the sovereigns of this state, the people are. I urge your strong support for Senate Bill 2471. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. And can I have the words from the representative from Makakilo adopted as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Muraoka continued, stating:

"My opposition doesn't come from the intent or what this bill stands for, because I support that part. What my opposition comes from is our attorney general's opinion that this has already been decided in a higher court. And our job as legislators is to look out for the people of Hawai'i. And if this bill passes, it's almost certain it'll end up in court again, which means the people of Hawai'i will again be footing a bill for something that they didn't want.

"So, the intent of this bill is amazing and maybe we should take a look at it and figure out another way on how to get the same results. But this bill will almost guarantee end up in court and the people of Hawai'i who are already struggling to afford life here will have to foot another bill. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This bill is a positive step forward. It certainly is not a perfect bill. But if we had a perfect way to attack and defeat *Citizens United*, states would have taken it long ago.

"This bill is an interesting concept, a very innovative concept. The concept is that under Article I, Section 21 of our Hawai'i Constitution, corporations, unions, non-profits, entities created by the state, are not given inherent powers. They are given powers by us, the State of Hawai'i. And as the State of Hawai'i, we can also remove those powers should we so choose. And the power that this bill is seeking to remove is the power for these entities to spend money for political election activity.

"It's an interesting bill. It's an interesting concept. My fear is that this bill is going to work a little too well in this sense. That we are going to be able to remove the power of our own Hawai'i entities to engage in election activity. But the provision here that really ties it all together is the provision that if other entities in other states, a Delaware corporation, a Texas corporation, a California nonprofit comes to Hawai'i and engages in election activities, that they will also be bound by the same restrictions that our entities are bound by. And if that is ruled constitutional by the courts, we're golden. That that's going to be a huge step forward in restricting corporate money to influence our elections, influence our politics.

"My fear was that if that provision is struck down and we bind our Hawai'i entities while not binding mainland political activity coming in, we will effectively be silencing Hawai'i voices and only allowing mainland voices in our politics, only allowing mainland money to flow into Hawai'i to influence election activity. And that is the situation that the House stood very strongly against. And in conference, the House put in a fail-safe to trigger that if this situation were to occur, if we are binding the hands of our own entities and allowing mainland money to come in to influence Hawai'i politics, that this bill will unbind, the fail-safe will trigger, and it will unbind the hands of our own entities and give them voices back.

"Now, this bill is not without its risks. I want to be very clear about that. And as the previous speaker mentioned, it is inviting a lawsuit. But that's the point of this. The point of *Citizens United* was inviting a lawsuit. When *Citizens United* brought this case all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States, they were actually overturning the law of the land at the time,

which was *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce*. That was the law of the land before *Citizens United*. So, if the states are not brave enough to challenge *Citizens United* and other court rulings at the highest court in the land, those rulings will stand forever. We need states to step forward in order to challenge these rulings. We need to be brave enough to take these court cases all the way up to the top in order to change our democracy. And that is exactly what Hawai'i is doing by passing this bill and by standing up against *Citizens United* in this case.

"I think we all need to understand, Speaker, that this bill was not taken lightly. There was a lot of time, there was a lot of thought, there was a lot of experts being consulted. So, thank you to Avi and Mark and Clare for their help. We spent an inordinate amount of time trying to pass this bill in a responsible way, in a way that would ensure that Hawai'i interests were not harmed at the expense of mainland interests coming in to spend money here. So, I'm very proud of our legislature for coming to this bill, to coming to this conclusion. And frankly, I'm very proud of the state for stepping up to try to challenge a court ruling that has plagued this nation. Honestly, a court ruling that is hated by the left, the right, the center, everybody. It's an incredibly unpopular court ruling.

"The fear though, and the fear that the danger that we have to confront too is that if we are to—"

Representative Grandinetti rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matayoshi continued, stating:

"The danger that I think we need to be very upfront about is, anytime we give the Supreme Court another chance at a ruling on this issue, we run the risk of making the situation worse. And with the current makeup of the U.S. Supreme Court, I am concerned that if we make it up there, it may further cement *Citizens United* as the law of the land. Which is another reason why I wanted this fail-safe in there to protect Hawai'i interests.

"So, I appreciate your support through all this, Speaker. I appreciate the support of the Senate and their willingness to work with us. When the bill first came to us, there were a lot of things wrong with it, but we fixed one after the other until we finally, at the eleventh hour, literally, came to the solution of the fail-safe as well, which allowed us to pass a responsible bill to try to overturn *Citizens United*. So, thank you, Speaker."

Representative Olds rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the CPC chair and the rep from Makakilo be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 2471, CD 2. May I have the words of the representative from Makakilo-Kapolei entered as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"Last November, in preparation for our 2026 Good Government Caucus bill package, I was looking at proposals to curb dark spending money in politics.

"For years, as a legislature, we have been calling on congress to act and propose amendments to the United States Constitution to overturn *Citizens United*, the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision that essentially equated money with speech, and imbued corporations like human beings with a constitutional right to spend their money without limitations. Hence, corporations are treated like human beings with the First Amendment right to free speech.

"This disastrous decision has corrupted our political system and effectively drowned out the voices of everyday people and amplified the concerns and special interests of corporations with deep pockets to influence our elections and policy making at every level, from congress to state capitols to city councils and even into executive boards and commissions to the appointments made by those elected as governors and mayors.

"In 2016, Hawai'i lawmakers even floated a proposal to support a limited National Constitutional Convention to take up the problem of *Citizens United*. This last proposal was heard but never made it out of our legislative committee of our state legislature, of any legislative committee of our state legislature, for good reason.

"So fast forward to November 2025, and here we come across Robert Reich's short article entitled How to Get Rid of 'Citizens United.' We can do away with it without a new Supreme Court, nor do we need a constitutional amendment. There's a simpler way. That simpler way is the Montana Plan, A statutory initiative being forged by grassroots leaders like Liana Keesing at the Transparent Election Initiative.

"According to the Montana plan, Montana residents will vote this fall for a law much like Senate Bill 2471 before us, if they are able to collect enough signatures. This law, this plan, would reset corporate powers, just as Senate Bill 2471 does, in Montana and limit corporations' powers to spend money in elections, all but neutralizing the toxic effect of *Citizens United*. I was excited about this prospect and how we are and could be part of a larger national movement among states.

"If we pass this bill and it is enacted, we will be a leader among those states. The little state that could. I have kept an eye on the Big Sky State's proposal, even as we in the Good Government Caucus kept working to introduce a bill this past January. Through Good Government Caucus meetings, I and the Senate Judiciary chair began discussing the so-called Montana Plan with colleagues, and committee stakeholders, community stakeholders, such as the League of Women Voters, Common Cause Hawai'i, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action.

"At our pre-session Good Government Caucus press conference, I and the co-convenor of the Good Government Caucus announced our intention to introduce the Montana Plan bill. We did that, keeping our eye on several bills, most notably House Bills 2125 and 2130, introduced as part of the caucus package by me and the freshman representative from Kalihi Valley, House District 29, and Senate bill, this bill, 2471, introduced by the Senate Judiciary chair, and the only Senate member of the Good Government Caucus.

"Over the past couple months, Senate Bill 2471 passed through legislative process. I want to thank my colleagues in the House and Senate Consumer Protection & Commerce Committees, who painstakingly consulted with legal experts. Among those legal experts include the amazing people at Center for American Progress, including Tom Moore, the legal mastermind behind this bill and his team members, Alex Cogan and Zina Barrow. I mention these legal experts because as this bill moves forward, this state, and as we've recognized from the representative from Wai'anae as well as the representative from Kāne'ohe, there will be challenges. This state should not turn away the help of the experts, like CAP or Campaign Legal Center, who stand ready to help this little state defend this law.

"Finally, I also want to express particular appreciation to both Judiciary chairs of the House and the Senate and their staff--"

Representative Quinlan rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"Their staff, who kept the pressure on to move this bill along and give it a fair chance for all of us, all of us in this chamber to vote on this historic bill. I want to especially thank representative from the House Judiciary Committee who accepted my April 1st memo, some people might call it an April Fools' memo, where I specifically requested a hearing on this bill, and he listened. *Mahalo*, chair. May I request that this memo be allowed to be inserted into the Journal. Thank you.

"The Judiciary chairs were also paid attention as questions were raised in conference committees with proposals like a union carve out was suggested and ultimately and rightfully rejected.

"As someone who began my career in public service, as a 23-year-old high school social studies teacher who was so lucky to be appointed as a campaign spending commissioner, and who is now wrapping up my 20th legislative session as the co-convenor of the Good Government Caucus, I am proud, so proud that Hawai'i is centering its people in this democracy. I'm proud that we are leading the country in fighting back against the

Supreme Court decision that has warped our elections. And I'm proud to cast one of my final votes as a state legislator for Senate Bill 2471. On a bill that could positively transform our nation for generations. *Mahalo*, Speaker."

Representative Belatti submitted the following:



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative David A. Tarnas
Chair, Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Representative Della Au Belatti *DB*
State Representative, HD 26

RE: REQUESTING A HEARING FOR SB 2471 SD2 HD1

I am writing to respectfully request a hearing for SB2471 SD2 HD1 which has been referred to the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee (JHA).

SB 2471 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO THE POWERS OF ARTIFICIAL PERSONS.

Reaffirms that artificial persons created under state law possess only those powers that are necessary or convenient to carry out lawful purposes, and that those powers do not include the power to spend money or contribute anything of value to influence elections or ballot measures. Revokes all prior grants of entity powers and re-grants only those powers that the State determines to be necessary or convenient to conduct lawful business under the Hawai'i State Constitution and laws of this State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Referral: CPC, JHA

Although not the direct companion bill to HB2125 that was previously heard and deferred in JHA on February 10, 2026, **SB2471 SD2 HD1** represents the collective work to date by the Senate and House on the same corporate law issues raised in the testimony on HB2125. See attached status sheets.

SB2471 SD2 HD1 addresses and presents an important way forward for states to address the negative impacts of the 2010 *Citizens United* decision by the United States Supreme Court that has boosted the power and influence of corporations over and above everyday citizens.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request. Please contact my office at 586-9425 if you have any questions or concerns.

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

"I rise in support with reservations and comment. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Colleagues, I have previously stated my firm belief that money should be removed from influencing government decisions and obviously starting with campaign contributions. I previously voted no on this measure, believing that was the prudent and responsible thing to do, referring to the attorney general's strong opposing testimony that cited the strength of the *Citizens United* Supreme Court decision and the likely uphill legal battle.

"So, Madam Speaker, this has been a dilemma for me as I've been conflicted on my vote decision. But on this final reading, I'm deciding to take a braver step of faith and courage to believe with many of you colleagues and advocate supporters. Although the facts are the facts, Hawai'i and this 2026 Legislature has the chance to make history, to reset a new precedent, to eliminate unlimited money sources that totally affect our elections and bring back some sanity and sanctity to our voting process.

"So, Madam Speaker, I'm putting aside my practical, cautious engineering perspective, and going with my heart's desire, many of our people's desire, to do something with potential greatness for the people of Hawai'i. And I'd like to adopt the words of the CPC chair and the Public Safety chair as my own. Thank you, Madam Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I rise in support. And I would ask to adopt the words of the representative from Moanalua, as well as the CPC chair. And end my

comments with, if can, can. If no can, no can. But we have to give it a try. And I look forward to what we can do for the people of our state. *Mahalo*, Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE POWERS OF ARTIFICIAL PERSONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representative Muraoka voting no.

S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 2:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGIONAL SHORELINE MITIGATION DISTRICTS," passed final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Amato, Iwamoto, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196-26 and H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloe moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196-26 and H.B. No. 306, HD 2, 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. 306, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representative Ratcliffe being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239-26 and S.B. No. 3203, 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. 3203, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR MEDICAL SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240-26 and S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3263, 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. Last month, I surveyed the residents of my district and asked them, should we be giving \$5 million for UH student athletes for their name, image, and likeness? Should that \$5 million come only from private sources or should we use a combination of private money plus taxpayer funds? I received almost 400 responses so far in the last five weeks, and 79% stated that they wanted name, image, and likeness money to only come from private sources. That's 79%. So, they said no public funds. And that's compared to only 16% who said that they were open to having public funds. This bill before us today asks for only \$2.5 million to come from taxpayers to the University of Hawai'i to directly go towards student athletes for their name, image, and likeness.

"And to give perspective to what's happening here, the court case that triggered name, image, and likeness compensation only focused on, only mandated that profits that universities and colleges received from the name, image, and likeness of student athletes, and these are profits from televising games or selling merchandise. Basically, after you deduct all of the expenses, then those leftover profits can go to the students, those individual athletes, for their name, image, and likeness.

"But what's happened is it's morphed into beyond profits. And now, the University of Hawai'i, partly because our market is so tiny, there isn't much profits to share with the student athletes. So now they're asking the state to give taxpayer funds to help them boost up their recruitment monies, their retention monies to keep student athletes in Hawai'i to represent the University of Hawai'i System.

"What concerns me the most is that this money will always be chasing, because we're never going to compete with those larger markets. For instance, in Texas, there's a quarterback, a single-student athlete who'll be making around \$6.8 million just for their name, image, and likeness in this school year. And then in Arizona, there's another quarterback who'll be earning \$3.6 million in name, image, and likeness compensation. And those are just individual athletes. How are we going to compete with that? And I just feel like it's a way that we're chasing and chasing. And my concern is, will UH come back and ask us for more money next year and more money? Will we ever really be able to compete, and how much funds will we have to divert from other important needs?"

"And that's also an interesting concept that we, the Legislature, have contemplated requiring financial literacy from our high school students. And I'm like, well, look at ourselves first. We're thinking about funding a want, meanwhile we're putting some of our needs, we're borrowing to fulfill using bonds to pay for some of our needs. And here we go, we're giving general fund money, cash, to the University of Hawai'i so that they can recruit more student athletes, and that is a want. So, for those reasons, I'm opposed to this bill."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. As a coach, we can all say that sports can inspire communities. There are life lessons for our youth and our athletes. But this is more than just about sports, Speaker. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is Hawai'i's only R1 research university and the flagship university of our state. Maintaining this R1 status requires funding, top faculty, and strong national visibility in today's landscape.

"NIL is structural. It is not optional. Falling behind shrinks that visibility. It weakens UH's brand, and it limits its ability to attract students and researchers, as well as to secure research, education grants, and sustained donor support. Supporting NIL isn't about professionalizing college sports. It's about protecting the long-term competitiveness and national presence of Hawai'i's only R1 university and our promise to our local youth that our education system and our public higher education system will produce strong results for them in the future. For those reasons, I am in support. Yes vote."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Rising in strong support. At its core, this bill is about the future of University of Hawai'i athletics. College athletics has changed. Whether we like every part of that change or not, the old system of amateurism is gone. Name, image, and likeness is now part of the landscape. Student athletes are being recruited differently. Programs are being built differently. Conferences are being shaped differently. And the schools that adapt will have a chance to compete. The schools that do not will fall behind.

"For Hawai'i, doing nothing was not a neutral option. UH already competes with challenges that many other universities do not face. We are isolated by geography. Travel is more expensive. Recruiting is harder. Our athletics program carries the pride of an entire state, but it has to compete in a national marketplace that is moving faster every year. And in this new landscape, standing still does not preserve tradition. Standing still means falling behind.

"If we want UH to remain competitive as it enters the Mountain West Conference, if we want our student athletes to have the same opportunities as their peers across the country, and if we want Hawai'i to continue showing up on the national stage, then we have to give the university the tools to compete. That is what this bill does.

"It provides immediate support so UH can respond to the NIL landscape now. It establishes an endowment fund, so we are not only thinking about this year or next year, but building a long-term foundation for the future. And it creates a governance framework, so NIL does not become a free-for-all. It protects student athletes. It protects the university. It provides transparency and accountability when public resources are involved.

"This bill affirms that student athletes may earn compensation for NIL activities. It requires UH to adopt policies governing NIL agreements, disclosures, education, agent interactions, and Title IX compliance. It also

establishes reporting requirements, so the Legislature and the public can understand how this system is being administered. That matters. Because we are not just funding a program, we are laying a foundation. We are saying that if NIL is going to be a part of college athletics, then Hawai'i is going to do it with rules, transparency, and accountability.

"Madam Speaker, this bill is not perfect, very few conference drafts are, but it is a real compromise. The House believed UH needed resources now. The Senate wanted a long-term endowment model. This final product does both. It provides immediate funding, establishes a long-term endowment fund, and puts guardrails in place to protect student athletes and the university.

"The bill establishes an NIL endowment fund and includes both the transfer from the UH Tuition and Fees Special Fund and the general fund appropriation into that endowment. Madam Speaker, that balance matters. Immediate support matters because UH is competing right now. Recruiting is happening right now. Student athletes are making decisions right now. Other programs are moving right now. And we cannot tell UH to compete in today's market with yesterday's tools.

"At the same time, the endowment matters because we should not build a system that only solves the immediate problem and ignores the future. This bill begins the work of creating a sustainable source of support that can grow over time. So, this measure is not just about this season. It is about the next decade of UH athletics. It is about whether we are willing to position the university to compete, recruit, retain, and build in this NIL era.

"Madam Speaker, I know there are people who are uncomfortable with what college athletics has become. I understand that. I share some of those concerns. The system has become more transactional. Student athletes have more options. Programs have more pressure. And the connection between college sports and the traditional idea of amateur athletics has changed forever. But our discomfort does not change the reality. We can be nostalgic about the way college sports used to be, or we can be responsible about the system in front of us. This bill chooses responsibility. It says UH athletics matters. It says our student athletes matter. And it says Hawai'i will not sit on the sidelines while the rest of the country moves forward.

"And Madam Speaker, this is not just about wins and losses. A strong athletics program has real economic impact. It brings people to games and supports local businesses. It attracts attention to our university. It helps drive alumni engagement, private giving, school pride, and statewide visibility. Those things matter.

"But there are also things we cannot fully quantify. We cannot fully quantify what it means when UH gives this state a reason to come together."

Representative Reyes Oda rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garrett continued, stating:

"Thank you. We cannot fully quantify the lift people feel when our teams succeed. We cannot fully quantify the pride of seeing Hawai'i represented on a national stage. And in a state with no professional sports teams, UH Athletics occupies a special place in our community.

"For many families, these are our teams. These are the athletes our children watch and admire. These are games that bring *kūpuna*, parents, and *keiki* together. And somewhere in the stands or watching at home, there's a young fan dreaming that one day they might put on that H themselves. And that matters, too. Because UH athletics is not just about competition. It is about aspiration. It is about identity. It is about giving the next generation something to believe in and something to strive toward. Madam Speaker, when UH succeeds, the entire state feels it. If we believe UH Athletics matters to Hawai'i, then we have to be willing to support it in the world as it exists today.

"Madam Speaker, this bill was difficult. It required negotiation, it required compromise, and it required us to recognize that inaction has consequences. Years from now, I believe we will look back on this vote as one of the moments that helped determine whether UH Athletics had the support it needed to compete in the NIL era. Madam Speaker, this is an inflection point. This is a foundation-setting vote. This is a chance to say that Hawai'i

will adapt, compete, and lead responsibly. For those reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this measure. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support of this measure. Colleagues, this bill is about fairness, structure, and bringing our laws in line with the reality of college athletics today. And for me, this is not theoretical. I was a student athlete on the women's rowing team at the University of Southern California, also your alma mater, Madam Speaker, during what many consider the glory days of college football at USC, under head coach Pete Carroll, alongside players like Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush.

"It was an incredible time, but it was also a very different era. We sat through NCAA compliance meetings where the message was clear and repeated. You cannot accept anything of value, not money, not benefits, not assistance. Even small things could put your eligibility at risk. It wasn't just a rule, it was a culture. It was taboo. And yet at the same time, we all understood the reality. College athletics was generating enormous revenue. Stadiums were full, television deals were growing. And the athletes, the very people creating that value, were expected to receive nothing beyond their scholarship.

"This bill recognizes that we are in a new era of college athletics, one where student athletes have the right to benefit from their name, image, and likeness, and where institutions must operate with transparency, responsibility, and consistency. Senate Bill 3263 affirms those rights, requires the University of Hawai'i to adopt clear policies and provide education and support, ensures accountability when public resources are involved, and establishes a sustainable framework through an endowment to support these efforts moving forward.

"Just as importantly, it sets necessary boundaries. It does not create an employment relationship, it preserves institutional oversight and academic standards, and it ensures alignment with federal law. This bill provides a structure needed to navigate this landscape.

"That tension existed for years until the system began to change. The turning point came with litigation like *House v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*, referenced in this bill's preamble, which marked a significant shift in how student athletes can be compensated, and prompted a re-examination of the long-standing model that prevented them from sharing in the value they helped create.

"Before that shift, the consequences of the old system could be severe. Reggie Bush forfeited his Heisman Trophy after the National Collegiate Athletic Association determined that he had received impermissible benefits under the rules in place at the time. After name, image, and likeness became a thing, Reggie Bush got his Heisman Trophy back, which showed that the past rules were archaic and did not meet the moment.

"This bill is about meeting this moment. It is about recognizing the lived reality of student athletes, past, present, and future. It is about ensuring Hawai'i is not left behind but instead moves forward with a thoughtful and balanced approach. I have lived under the old system and seen its limitations firsthand, and I can tell you, this is the right direction. Colleagues, I urge your strong support for Senate Bill 3263. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to SB 3263. The draft may have changed in conference, but the direction of this bill is still the same. This bill still moves Hawai'i further into a government-connected NIL structure, putting us closer into what is becoming a pay-for-play system within college athletics. And that should give us a pause, Madam Speaker. Because even at the national level, the issue is still unsettled.

"There have been recent discussions at the White House with stakeholders trying to figure out where NIL is headed, how to regulate it, and what the future of college sports should look like. And there is no national consensus. So why are we rushing to lock Hawai'i into a model that even national leaders are still trying to sort out? Because let's be honest about what this is becoming. It's becoming an arms race. Schools competing financially for athletes, bidding wars, agents, contracts. And now, through this bill, a framework that brings government closer into that system.

"What concerns me most is what this does to the purpose of higher education. College is supposed to be about education first. It's about preparing young people for careers, for life, for contributing to our society. And sports has always been part of that experience, but it was never meant to overshadow it. Now we're watching that balance flip. As NIL continues to balloon across the country, college athletics is drifting further away from education and closer to pro sports. And with bills like this, we are helping accelerate that shift.

"Madam Speaker, pro sports is where the big money belongs. If athletes want to enter a system driven by contracts, endorsements, and large-scale compensation, that is what professional leagues are for. College should not become a farm system fueled by escalating financial competition, especially one that begins to lean on public policy and taxpayer-backed structures.

"Because once we go down this road, where does it stop? This year, it's an endowment structure. Next year, it's pressure for more funding, more incentives, more resources. And before long, we find ourselves asking taxpayers to keep up in a system that will never stop growing. All while local families are struggling to afford basic needs in Hawai'i. All while our schools are overcrowded, while our teachers are overworked, and our communities are asking for real investment in education, not the commercialization of it.

"Madam Speaker, I do support student athletes. But I do not support building policy that shifts the focus of our institutions away from education and toward compensation models that belong in pro sports. Not every trend on the mainland is something Hawai'i needs to follow.

"Lastly, I sent out a survey in my district and overwhelming opposition came back. Over 80% of respondents have noted that they are opposed to using taxpayer dollars to start this program and pay student athletes. No vote."

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

"Thank you, in support. And I just wanted to thank the Higher Ed chair for his work on this. He's been very diligent. And I think this is a very reasonable compromise. And just wanted to adopt his words. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Gedeon's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Senate Bill 3263, with reservations.

"First, I want to express my strong support for the University of Hawai'i and its athletic programs. UH athletics brings pride to our state, unites our communities, creates opportunities for young athletes, and gives our residents something to rally around. Our student-athletes work incredibly hard to represent Hawai'i on a national stage, and they deserve the opportunity to compete in an environment that reflects the realities of modern collegiate athletics.

"Name, image, and likeness compensation has become the standard across the country. Whether we agree with every aspect of that system or not, it is the environment that universities now operate within. If we want the University of Hawai'i to remain competitive, recruit, and retain talented student-athletes, and continue building strong programs for the future, we cannot afford to fall behind.

"However, while I support the intent of this measure, I do have reservations that I believe are important to acknowledge.

"I recently conducted a survey within my district, and over 60% of respondents did not favor this bill. The primary concern I heard was not opposition to UH athletics itself, but concern about priorities and the use of public funds during a time when our state continues to face financial challenges.

"Many residents are asking an understandable question: if the state is already facing budget shortfalls, should taxpayer dollars be directed toward

this purpose, particularly when the University of Hawai'i reportedly has substantial existing funds available? These concerns are reasonable, and I believe it is our responsibility to take them seriously.

"My hope moving forward is that we continue supporting UH athletics while also ensuring transparency, accountability, and careful stewardship of public resources. Supporting our student-athletes and being fiscally responsible should not be mutually exclusive goals.

"For those reasons, Madam Speaker, I will be voting aye, with reservations."

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

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

"In strong support, and can I adopt the representative from Kailua and representative from Mānoa words as my own. And brief comment. Go Bows," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Kila rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Higher Education chair and the representative from Wai'anae be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Kailua, the Higher Education chair, and the representative from Wai'anae be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Olds rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Kailua, the Higher Education chair, and the representative from Wai'anae be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, still in opposition. I'd like to ask that the words of the representative from Kapolei be entered into the record as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"With one correction, possibly. He mentioned that we're following, there was a reference to following a trend. We are not following a trend here. We are actually setting a new precedent.

"From the testimony we received in committee, it was made clear to us that this is the first state that will be directly funneling money from taxpayers to student athletes for their name, image, and likeness. So, this is not us following a trend, we're setting a precedent now that other states will be expected to use. So, we're actually making the bar even higher and possibly more difficult for our future endeavors. Thank you."

Representative Gedeon rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the words of the representative from Mānoa be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I would just like to have the words of the Higher Education chair inserted into the Journal as if they were my own and brief comment," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Tam continued, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I went back and forth on this bill. I think that this is actually a wise bill for us to move forward, especially if we want to create startup costs so that eventually private corporations or any other investors would like to invest in our student athletes as well. But I really drew from

my experiences in my own alma mater, which had a very storied football team as well.

"And if we are able to build up the athletics program at the University of Hawai'i, it will actually trickle down into education because it'll up recruitment. At Penn State University, where we had our storied college athletics program, we've had about an enrollment of say 40,000 students. And I can guarantee you that many of those 40,000 students chose to go to that university because of their athletic program. So, I believe that this bill will indirectly, actually, increase enrollment at the University of Hawai'i."

Representative Souza rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Still in support, and just one last comment. The law is clear as to what happened at the Supreme Court level. Student athletes are allowed to accept money in this way and to participate and accept NIL deals. Currently, deals are happening and there's no legal framework to administer these deals and for some sort of guidance for the University of Hawai'i to engage in NIL deals. And I'm not even talking about the public financing that is discussed in this bill. I'm talking about even with private money that is flowing to student athletes at the University of Hawai'i through private donors or companies and that particular route.

"When it comes to NIL deals going forward, yes, this bill does address an endowment fund. But if you were to take that aspect out of the bill completely, it still creates the framework that the University of Hawai'i needs in order to properly administer this program. And there is language in the bill that talks about the evolving nature of this particular legislation and how the University of Hawai'i can take steps to adhere to best practices going forward in the future.

"So, when you look at this bill in its totality, it does create a framework that does not currently exist. And so, I think there's been a lot of focus on the public funds. But regardless, the framework needs to be implemented in order for these student athletes to thrive in this current environment. 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. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Gedeon, Olds, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Hussey, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, Perruso, and Pierick voting no.

At 12:28 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1

FINAL READING

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be two motions. One to agree to the Senate amendments, and one to pass the House Bills on final reading."

Representative Kahaloa moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried:

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, (SD 2)

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no.

H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Belatti being excused.

At 12:30 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, SD 2

**DISPOSITION OF MATTERS
PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK**

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be two motions. One to agree to the Senate amendments, and one to adopt the House Concurrent Resolutions."

Representative Kahaloe moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Concurrent Resolutions, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan were excused.)

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)

H.C.R. No. 18, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 18, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A HOSPICE WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE TRENDS AND REGULATIONS IN THE HOSPICE INDUSTRY," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 32, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 32, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR ADVISOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO FORMULATE A PLAN TO CREATE PLACES OF SHELTER FOR PERSONS UNDER CIVIL COMMITMENT AND FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AND ARE AT RISK OF RECIDIVISM," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 33, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING HAWAII COUNTY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUAKO COMMUNITY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, TO COMPLETE THE PUAKO

SEWAGE PROJECT," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 53, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 53, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEMWIDE ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION AUDIT," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 98, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 98, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE HOUSING PATTERN BOOK TO STREAMLINE PERMIT APPROVALS AND REDUCE REGULATORY BARRIERS FOR SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND WELL-DESIGNED HOMES," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 105, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 105, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR NURSING TO COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF RECOMMENDED SAFE PATIENT STAFFING STRATEGIES AND RATIOS FOR ALL NURSING SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES ACROSS ALL HEALTH CARE SETTINGS, AND TO MAINTAIN A REPOSITORY FOR THIS INFORMATION," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 122, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 122, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONSIDER OFFERING OLELO HAWAII MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOCUSING ON OLELO NIIHAU," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 173, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 173, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING MAUI HEALTH SYSTEM TO COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ESTABLISH A FULL-TIME MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

H.C.R. No. 179, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.C.R. No. 179, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE 'AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW ITS ADOPTED RULES OF PRACTICE, FULFILL ITS STATUTORY DUTIES, ESTABLISH POLICIES TO ASSURE CONSISTENT STANDARDS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY; AND CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS," was Adopted, with Representatives Hussey, Kong, and Quinlan being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 215 and 216) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 215, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE SPEAKER TO PERFORM AND CARRY OUT ANY OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS DURING THE INTERIM

BETWEEN THE 2026 AND 2027 REGULAR SESSIONS," was jointly offered by Representatives Quinlan and Matsumoto.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 215 was adopted, with Representatives Hussey and Kong being excused.

H.R. No. 216, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," was jointly offered by Representatives Nakamura and Ichiyama.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, H.R. No. 216 was adopted, with Representatives Hussey and Kong being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"We have a number of members who will be leaving the House, and this is when we get to recognize them and to give them an opportunity to make some farewell remarks."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Pierick, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Matsumoto and Garcia on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Pierick: "Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, and fellow members, and my mom in the gallery, and my amazing team, Sydney Parsons, Hugette Rodriguez, and Young Winston. I'm so grateful to be here. It's been a very enjoyable journey these past four years. And I'd like to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I'd like to thank all members of my family, so my dad, my brother, other brother, my sister, her kids, my brother-in-law, her husband. I'd like to thank all of my past office managers, past staff, past volunteers, past interns. I'd like to thank to all of community volunteers and community donors and prayer warriors. Thank you to all the organizations.

"And thank you to the Minority Caucus. I got permission from the Speaker to address you all by name. Thank you, David. Thank you, Diamond. Thank you, Lauren. Thank you, Joe, welcome to the team this year. Thank you, Elle, welcome. Thank you, Garner. Thank you, Chris. *Mahalo*, Julie. It's been a really unique time to be here. Thank you to all the House Chief Clerk's Office, so, Brian, Rupert, Emma, everybody there. Thank you so much to the Sergeant-at-Arms, Rod, Jade, everybody. There's lots of friends that have supported me these past four years, and they don't fit in the following categories, but they've just been moral support. So, that's been the joy.

"There's been goals that we've tried to all accomplish in this body. They include trying to help the economy, reduce crime, make housing cheaper, make traffic faster getting from the west side to town, reduce the amount of houseless, get them homed, and reduce the cost of electricity. That's been my goal these past four years. I hope that they can be further accomplished in the future. And that my prayer is that all of us will pursue God in all of it. Thank you so much. *Mahalo nui loa*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Sayama, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Ichiyama and Yamashita on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Sayama: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, in my first invocation, before I started doing the *kiai* exercises, I spoke about a phrase my grandfather Etsuo Sayama used to say, *kazoku no tame, kodomo no tame*. For the family, for the children. It is this universal value of hope, endurance, family, and love that inspired me to jump into public service at 23 years old. Six years later, it is the same value that has inspired me to leave this chamber, Hawai'i State House of Representatives, to pursue a new chapter in my path of public service.

"On this final day of the session, I'd like to take a moment to thank all the people that have supported me, to help me navigate this past six years, starting with all of you, my colleagues. It's been a true honor to serve alongside of you and an inspiration to realize a better future for the people of Hawai'i, for your respective communities. Thank you for your

mentorship, friendship, patience, and *aloha*. It is thanks to you that I'm a better legislator, and a better person.

"Next, I'd like to thank my staff, Evelyn, Ariel, Mark. They're in the chamber, if you could please stand up. Without your help, I could not do this job. It is often your face, your voice, my constituents first see, first hear when they're asking for help. And it is your hand that guides them to that help. Oftentimes, your work is not recognized. But I would like to take a moment to recognize it now. Thank you so much for your dedication, for your compassion, as you serve House District 21. Thank you.

"Next, I'd like to thank my family, especially my parents and my wonderful *fiancé* who has joined us today in the gallery as well. The values of my family, the family that raised me, have grounded me in my community. And it is their support is the only reason why I'm able to serve in my capacity as a State House representative. Finally, I'd like to thank my constituents who have entrusted me, a young local boy, to represent them in this chamber. I'll forever cherish their trust, their vote, and will carry it with me as I endeavor in my next new challenge.

"I leave this chamber with a heart full of gratitude and with a spirit of leadership, compassion, and courage that all of you have shared with me. I will carry these values forward. And if I may be so bold, I look forward to working with you next year from the other side. Thank you, and *mahalo*."

At this time, the Chair recognized Representative Belatti, who was presented with a certificate and lei by Representatives Morikawa and Perruso on behalf of the Members of the House.

Representative Belatti: "For the past 20 years, and most recently from the newest representative in this body from downtown Honolulu, I fielded the questions about my sleep schedule. When do you sleep? Do you even sleep? Aren't you exhausted? These questions began when I first campaigned for state representative shortly after having my first daughter. It continued when I took full-time work as a civil rights attorney, a position I've held throughout 19 years of my time here in the Legislature. I've heard them every time I host an informational briefing during the interim, throw four community events in one month, or juggle leading a caucus, a committee, and a campaign all at the same time, while I'm shuttling my daughters to their numerous ballet practices or recitals, one of which is happening tonight. By now, though, I think you know this about me, and you also know this about yourselves. This is our *kuleana*. Our responsibility. The *kuleana* we love, even when we are tired.

"Colleagues, we have one of the most amazing jobs in the world. As a legislator, I have been able to advocate for better health care for our state, hold our agencies accountable for delivering services, and improve our criminal justice system, even one little step at a time. But we are more than just lawmakers. We roll up our sleeves as organizers, as catalysts, as networkers. Helping people step out of their professional and personal silos to talk, collaborate, and create together.

"This is a position where during COVID-19, I was able to work with so many of you to bring together the Judiciary, lawyers, mediators, landlords, tenants, and community nonprofits to keep people in their homes. It's where we collaborated to make sure hospitals, community health centers, insurers, navigators, patients, were all communicating during a global pandemic to make us one of the safest states in the nation. What a gift these two decades have been.

"Before I leave the Legislature, I would be remiss if I did not express appreciation for a few very important groups. First, to our legislative staff, our drafting and research agencies, who I know I have pestered. Our tech and communication teams that have grown since the pandemic. Our business offices, Printshop, our legal advisors, the public access room, the web of office managers and legislative staffers who flow through this building during session and during the year. And of course, the steady leadership and service of our Chief Clerk's Office and House Sergeant-at-Arms. You are the glue that holds this institution together, the grease and the oil that makes it all work. *Mahalo* for empowering and enabling all of us to do our work.

"To the current leadership, *mahalo* speaker, vice speaker, majority leader, majority caucus leader, majority floor leader, and Finance chair, for navigating the ups and downs of these last two legislative sessions, including

the fallout from a significant drop in federal funding and the unpredictable, unprecedented weather cycles we are living with and through what seems like a monthly or quarterly basis. My words of advice, while we have not always been in alignment and while you will always, always have to deal with difference and dissent, be kind, be inclusive, and listen. You are at your best and your strongest when you are all of these things, and it works out best then for the people of Hawai'i.

"To my fellow chairs, it has been a privilege to work alongside you all and to watch members in this chamber grow. In particular, for the past few years, I have served in the Judiciary Committee. And I want to thank the Judiciary chair for his thoughtfulness, fairness, and integrity with which he leads this committee. I see many of these same qualities in his counterpart in the other chamber, the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who I started in this body with, and who is also wrapping up his legislative career today.

"Next, I want to thank my fellow co-convenor of the Good Government Caucus, along with the other members of the Good Government Caucus who strive to hold our legislative bodies to the highest standards. Even when it is uncomfortable, please hold to these highest standards. It is these standards that preserve the public's faith and trust in us.

"Finally, I have to thank those people who are not here in this building with us. To my constituents and my supporters who have placed their trust in me and elected me to 10 terms, this has been the highest honor of my lifetime. To my other work family, who have allowed me to juggle it all and allowed me develop my legal skills and a full legal career, to develop a practice that above all seeks justice in this world, no matter how hard the cases are at times, thank you for your support and love.

"And last and most important of all, my family. To my husband Michael of nearly 25 years, I love you, you are the rock and the solace of my life. On that first day of that very first session, when I took my very first floor vote, what you told me has guided me all of these years. Do the right thing. To my beautiful daughters who are watching this via live stream, you're my foundation. In these last few years, what you and your generation have demanded of me and are demanding of all of us, is guiding my decision now. I hear you loud and clear. You're saying, do better. That's what I intend to do. That's the advice that I know all of us in here are hearing from our constituents. Do better.

"In closing, as my last words, I encourage each of you, especially our newest legislators, to work to leave this body in better shape than you found it. The people of Hawai'i are counting on you. *Mahalo nui loa.*"

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Thank you, Representatives Pierick, Sayama, and Belatti, for your years of service to the House of Representatives, and for the many contributions to the State of Hawai'i. Let's give them another round of applause.

"Before we do concluding remarks, I would like to recognize Governor Josh Green, who has joined us in the gallery, along with Will Kane."

The Chair then recognized Representative Sean Quinlan, the Majority Leader, to deliver closing remarks on behalf of the Majority Caucus:

"I didn't realize I was going first. Madam Speaker, I am many things, but I'm not a liar. At least, not yet, there's still time. Four months ago, I stood in front of all of you, and I promised that the House of Representatives would work to support and protect the working class, the hungry, and the sick. And now standing here today, I'm very proud to tell you that that's exactly what we've done. We protected Medicaid, we funded food banks, we gave the middle class another income tax cut. And I feel great about the work we've done this year with the Senate and the governor.

"Despite that, we are still facing some, what I would say are dark headwinds. I have some good news and I have some bad news. The good news is, we didn't invade Greenland, at least not yet, there's still time. The bad news is, we are now in a war with Iran. Or maybe it's a special military operation or maybe it just a bad week. And the end result of that is that every time we go to the pump and every time our businesses try to innovate and expand, the costs are increasing. And we're all feeling this. And look, I know that we cannot control the federal government. Lord knows we've tried.

We've tried to push back but federal preemption and sovereign immunity and the courts seem to be a barrier to that. So, what do we have left?

"Madam Speaker, I've always felt that the most important word, the most powerful word in the English language is not yes. The most powerful word is no. And that's all we have left is our refusal. Our refusal to bow and our refusal to kneel. In Hawai'i, we do not kneel.

"So now we're all going home, back to our districts, back to islands, back to our homes. And we take that refusal with us, back to our communities. And Madam Speaker, if I should somehow fall along the way, I know others will take my place."

The Chair then recognized Representative Lauren Matsumoto, the Minority Leader, to deliver closing remarks on behalf of the Minority Caucus:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. As we conclude the 2026 Legislative Session, I want to start my speech, as many have, to express my gratitude of those who have made it all possible. First, I send my appreciation to the members of the House Republican Caucus for your tireless efforts and dedication this year. This session, we welcomed two new members to our caucus, Representative Joe Gedeon and Representative Elle Cochran. Thank you for your insights and contribution.

"To my colleagues across the aisle, thank you for working with us. I know there was a lot of difficult decisions to make. And we really focused on those state issues that matter most to our constituents. Thank you for your adaptability and commitment.

"To everyone in the Chief Clerk's Office, IT, Printshop, Public Access Room, LRB, Sergeant-at-Arms, our DAGS teams and other dedicated staff, *mahalo* for all you do.

"In my opening address this session, I outlined the priorities of our Republican Caucus, which included cost of living, crime and public safety, corruption, and government reform. These ideas came directly from the constituents that we represent through our listening tour. This session, we advocated for legislation that would improve the lives of residents across the state, from down payment assistance, to improving our state's resilience for potential natural disasters, and preserving the historic income tax cut. We took many steps in the right direction, working towards goals that our caucus has stood behind for years. We found common ground with our colleagues across the aisle on bills that address long-term care for *kāipuna*, that make our roads safer, and increase opportunities for home ownership.

"This session presented financial challenges and forced the state to take a critical look at the budget and our priorities. The legislation we passed this session reflects steps towards fiscal responsibility, yet I still feel there were many missed opportunities to reduce government spending and tighten our belt, just as many of our residents have had to do. Our caucus will continue to challenge this body to prioritize the lowering cost of living for our residents and ensuring that we as elected officials honor the promises we make to the people of Hawai'i.

"As the 2026 legislative session draws to a close, I am proud of our many collective achievements thus far. However, as we all know, our work never ends. During this interim period, it is imperative that we continue to earn back the public's trust, prioritize the interests of our people, and develop sound policy. You can expect us all to be in our communities where our constituents' concerns are shared with us, drafting legislation, and really working to serve our people.

"Going into this interim, it doesn't matter who you are, where you're from, what your background is. Everyone's voice matters, and now is the time to engage. It is our collective responsibility to serve the people of Hawai'i diligently, and I eagerly anticipate working with all of you as we have in the time to come. *Mahalo.*"

Speaker Nakamura then gave her closing remarks as follows:

"Thank you, Majority Leader Quinlan, and Minority Leader Matsumoto.

"On opening day in January, I spoke about our shared responsibility to make life better for the people of Hawai'i. I said that if we led with humility, with urgency, and with care, we could deliver real help to Hawai'i's families.

And that's what we set out to do. Over the past four months, Hawai'i has been tested. We faced two Kona low storms that caused major flooding, a partial federal government shutdown, federal budget cuts, and an unauthorized war in Iran. All of which touched our residents, our economy, and our daily cost of living.

"With bipartisan support, we passed a balanced budget that delivers more tax relief for working families. We set aside \$100 million in funding for major disasters to help communities recover from unprecedented flooding. And we gave our departments the resources they need to meet urgent needs with compassion and speed.

"Before we celebrate what we accomplished together, I want to pause and honor two extraordinary public servants, Governor George Ariyoshi and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, who passed away during this session.

"As our state's longest-serving governor, George Ariyoshi led with quiet strength and deep wisdom. His enduring message was simple, *okagesamade*, we cannot do things alone. It's a reminder that every lasting achievement in Hawai'i is built together. He believed in consensus, in service, and in the power of people working together for the common good. His legacy reminds us that our greatest progress comes not from standing apart but moving forward together. And that is a lesson that guides us in this House.

"Former Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa was the first woman to serve as president of the Hawai'i State Senate. She was a fearless advocate for labor, working families, and the Wai'anae Coast. In Congress, she fought for military funding, and as chair of the HART board, she helped secure federal support for rail. Congresswoman Hanabusa was a fighter. Persistent, strategic, and relentless. After a session like this one, after bills did not pass or did not go far enough, she would probably tell us, do not give up. Fix your bills and try again next year. That kind of grit is part of her legacy, and it should remain part of ours. Both Governor Ariyoshi and Congresswoman Hanabusa worked tirelessly for their vision of Hawai'i.

"I am proud of the progress we made this session toward our 2045 vision. A Hawai'i where families can thrive, *keiki* can flourish, and *kūpuna* can live with dignity. More important, I am proud that this House kept people at the center of that work. This is something every member of this House should be proud of.

"We confronted our housing crisis with urgency. We invested more than \$250 million in affordable rentals, housing infrastructure, *kūpuna* housing, permanent supportive housing, *kauhale* homes for people experiencing homelessness. Because too many local families are still struggling to stay here. We expanded options for our agricultural workforce housing, created individual housing accounts to help families save for down payments, and addressed bottlenecks in our regulatory and permitting systems, including the State Historic Preservation Division. We supported Native Hawaiians by expanding the Public Land Trust Working Group, funding for DHHL priority projects, and allocating \$55 million in existing ceded land revenues to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"We preserved the social safety net by helping residents who lost Affordable Care Act coverage last year. We restored funding for SNAP, the Hawai'i Foodbank, and Aloha United Way 211 during the federal shutdown, and we made the Rent Supplement Program permanent while expanding it for low-income *kūpuna*. Because in Hawai'i, no one should be left behind.

"Our vision for Hawai'i where every child receives a quality education also moved forward. We passed teacher salary step increases, established universal dyslexia screening, and provided \$20 million to develop new preschool classrooms. Because investing in our children is how we build Hawai'i's future.

"We also advanced our vision of a Hawai'i where health care is excellent and accessible. We passed long-overdue e-cigarette restrictions, limited the sale of disposable vaping devices, funded life-saving colorectal cancer screening and testing, and created new support systems for people with dementia and their caregivers. Steps that will protect lives and strengthen families.

"We made major progress toward a Hawai'i where our lands and waters are protected and well managed through the first allocation of green fees.

Those funds will help reduce wildfire risk, restore beaches and coral reefs, protect watersheds, convert cesspools, expand Makai Watch, maintain trails, and plan for stream maintenance so future generations inherit a more resilient Hawai'i.

"We also strengthened our vision for a diverse and resilient economy by expanding the film tax credit, establishing the Hawai'i Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Program, expanding the Enterprise Zone Program because our people deserve these opportunities.

"Other notable bills we advanced include comprehensive e-bike regulations. Immigration protections and due process for detained immigrants. Good-government reforms, including partial public financing of elections. SPEED task force measures, including faster permit processing. Limits on corporate contributions in response to *Citizens United*. Protections for domestic violence survivors. Disability services integrated into emergency and disaster planning. Improvements to the Hawai'i Community College Promise Program. Disability travel placards.

"Regional shoreline mitigation districts. A restructured Kāneohe Bay Council with DLNR support. A revamped Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. New DOE authority to quickly replace bus contractors. Digital driver's licenses on mobile devices. Stronger regulations of digital financial kiosks. Community co-management agreements. SNAP applications for pre-release inmates. A commission to optimize public school facilities. *Ōkolehao* labeling requirements. Love My Library Day. And a statewide gondola ban.

"I am deeply grateful to my leadership team, whose commitment to this House and to each of you made this work possible. Please stand and remain standing, Vice Speaker Linda Ichiyama, Majority Leader Sean Quinlan, Majority Caucus Leader Kirstin Kahaloa, Majority Floor Leader Dee Morikawa, Assistant Majority Floor Leader Trish La Chica, Majority Whips Lisa Kitagawa, Tyson Miyake, and Amy Perusso. You have led with heart, discipline, and purpose, and this House is stronger because of you.

"Our work would not be possible without our dedicated staff, the offices of the Chief Clerk, the Sergeant-at-Arms, Communications, research offices, our Printshop, the custodial staff, the Legislative Reference Bureau, and every member office. Your dedication and professionalism carry this institution every single day, and you deserve our deepest thanks.

"And to my office, Nick, Ben, Wreneta, Janine, Wes, Spencer, and Kainalu, please stand. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your late nights, your weekends, and your steady commitment kept this House moving, and I will always be grateful.

"It has been an extraordinary session. More than 270 bills have been, or will be, enrolled to Governor Green. But what matters most is this, every late night, every difficult vote, every hard conversation was in service to improving life for the people of Hawai'i. Thank you for bringing your care, your conviction, and your commitment to this work. I am proud to serve alongside you, and the people of Hawai'i are better off because of what we have done here.

"So, please take a well-deserved break. Connect with your families, your communities, and the people who keep you grounded. And for our neighbor island members, enjoy the gift of sleeping in your own beds. I wish you all a restorative and productive interim. *Mahalo piha.*"

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kahaloa moved that the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Matsumoto.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 1:08 p.m., the Speaker rapped her gavel and declared the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, adjourned Sine Die. (Representative Hussey was excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated May 8, 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. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1

House Communication dated May 8, 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 agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1860, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2250, HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated May 8, 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 agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and has this day adopted the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 819 through 823) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 819, dated May 8, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions in final form:

S.C.R. No. 50, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 149, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 820, dated May 8, 2026, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1334, HD 3, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1753, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 1823, HD 2, SD 2, CD 2
 H.B. No. 2275, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2069, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2169, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 2471, SD 2, HD 2, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 3203, HD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 821, dated May 8, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on May 8, 2026 reconsidered its action taken on April 27, 2026 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said resolutions have this day been Adopted in Final Form:

S.C.R. No. 58, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 166, SD 1, HD 1
 S.C.R. No. 172, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 822, dated May 8, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on May 8, 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, and that said resolution has this day been Adopted in Final Form:

S.C.R. No. 159, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 823, transmitting S.R. No. 195, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," which was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2026.

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