

## TWENTY-SECOND DAY

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 11:34 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Nishihara who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-First Day.

At this time, Senator Wakai introduced Palmer Yasuo Itomura Wentworth, a 13-year-old eighth-grade student from Croton, New York, who was interested in running for public office one day. Accompanying him in the gallery was his uncle, former State Representative Dennis Arakaki.

Senator Ruderman recognized and congratulated Ka'u Rural Health Community Association, Inc., and presented the following remarks:

"It's our honor to recognize Ms. Jessanie Marques and the Ka'u Rural Health Community Association for their successful achievements that have led to improved access to health, education, technology, and workforce development opportunities in Ka'u's underserved rural community.

"Ms. Jessanie Marques, or Auntie Jessie, is the executive director of Ka'u Rural Health Community Association. Last year, she was recognized as the 2019 Community Star by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health. The Community Star is given to those who cultivate a vital, innovative rural health landscape and infrastructure; develop leadership capacity to grow rural population health and health equity; build capacity for rural data-driven program planning and decision-making; and contribute to rural health innovation, education, collaboration, and communication.

"For over 20 years, Auntie Jessie has continuously fought for equitable access to healthcare services and programs in our community. In 1996, she helped to prevent the closure of the local hospital in Ka'u and has served as a volunteer organizer in Ka'u Grassroots Coalition to preserve access to quality health care for the community of roughly 5,800 residents. In 1998, Auntie Jessie created the Ka'u Rural Health Community Association, the first and only rural health community association in the United States. She served as a volunteer on the association's board of directors as president and secretary, and was later asked to become the executive director. She has uplifted her community through her endless efforts, including the establishment of a resource and distance learning center and the first Ka'u Rural Health Academy, a training demonstration project that focuses on health education, research opportunities, and economic sustainability.

"Congratulations, Auntie Jessie, and mahalo for the valuable work that you do for the community of Ka'u. Mr. President, may I now yield my time to my colleague from Kona?"

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks

"Colleagues, today we are also honored to have with us Ms. Stacy Sakuma and other members presenting the Ka'u Rural Health Community, whose mission is 'Doing Whatever It Takes to Keep Ka'u Healthy.' Ka'u Rural Health Community Association is a community-based membership nonprofit organization which evolved as a direct result of a community grassroots coalition to preserve access to quality healthcare in rural communities. Together this group has worked to establish the first Ka'u Resource and Distance Learning Center, the Ka'u Rural Health Academy, a community health workers program,

and the first HMSA telehealth kiosk on Hawai'i island. Colleagues, please join me in congratulating and recognizing Ms. Jessanie Marques (Auntie Jessie) and Stacy Sakuma, representing the Ka'u Rural Health Community Association.

"Members, I would also like to recognize in the gallery the following individuals who have worked closely in support of the Ka'u Rural Health Community Association: Neal Palafox and Mavis Nitta from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i; Gregg Kishaba, Hawai'i Department of Health; Laura Arcibal, Department of Health, Family Health Services Division; Joanne Higashi, Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Branch; Danette Wong Tomiyasu; Felea'i Tau, representing Lieutenant Governor Josh Green; Elena Cabatu, Hilo Medical Center; Charlene Iboshi, Community First Board of Directors; Christian Alameda, CEO, Bay Clinic Inc.; Kathryn Matayoshi, Senior VP of HMSA. Members, please, may we give them a round of applause?"

At 11:41 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 409 to 411) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the County of Hawai'i Police Department dated January 30, 2020 transmitting the 2019 Report Concerning Electric Guns pursuant to Section 134-16(d), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the City and County of Honolulu Police Department dated January 31, 2020, transmitting the 2019 Annual Report of Misconduct Incidents that Resulted in the Suspension or Discharge of a Police Officer pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Kaua'i County Council dated December 19, 2019, transmitting the Report Relating to Public Agency Meetings and Records pursuant to Act 56, SLH 2016.

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 6 to 12) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 6, transmitting H.B. No. 777, H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 777, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDATION TRANSACTION FEES," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hse. Com. No. 7, transmitting H.B. No. 1631, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 1631, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hse. Com. No. 8, transmitting H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS," passed First Reading by title and was referred jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 9, transmitting H.B. No. 2200, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 2200, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hse. Com. No. 10, transmitting H.B. No. 2256, H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 2256, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary.

Hse. Com. No. 11, transmitting H.B. No. 2500, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 2500, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hse. Com. No. 12, transmitting H.B. No. 2537, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 2020, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, H.B. No. 2537, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2897) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SCOTT GLENN as Chief Energy Officer of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 509.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2897 and Gov. Msg. No. 509 was deferred until Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2898) recommending that S.B. No. 2101, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2101, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2899) recommending that S.B. No. 35, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### THIRD READING

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2895 (S.B. No. 2942):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2895 was adopted and S.B. No. 2942, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishihara).

##### RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bill that was introduced:

S.B. No.: Re-referred to:

S.B. No. 35, Jointly to the Committee on Education and the  
S.D. 1 Committee on Ways and Means

##### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Misc. Com. Nos. 2 and 3) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 2, from Papa Ola Lōkahi dated December 13, 2019, transmitting the Assessment on the Social, Financial, and Cultural Impacts of Mandating Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Native Hawaiian Culture-Based Activities pursuant to S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1 (2018).

Misc. Com. No. 3, from Hawai'i Medical Service Association dated December 31, 2019, transmitting the HMSA QUEST Integration 2019 Medicaid Contracting Report pursuant to Act 12, First Special SLH 2009.

At this time, Senator Fevella rose on a point of personal privilege to request that remarks regarding S.B. No. 217, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading on Thursday, February 13, 2020, be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Fevella's remarks regarding S.B. No. 217, S.D. 1 were entered into the Journal of the Nineteenth Day.

##### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020.