

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021, convened at 11:34 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with Senators Chang, Gabbard, Lee, Rhoads, Shimabukuro, and Wakai present and participating via videoconference.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 2) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 2, letter dated February 22, 2020, in accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, requesting the expeditious consideration of the following Emergency Appropriation bills: S.B. No. 1194, S.B. No. 1157, S.B. No. 1117, S.B. No. 1068, H.B. No. 914, H.B. No. 963, and H.B. No. 1040.

SENATE COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Sen. Com. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Sen. Com. No. 1, notice to Governor dated February 22, 2021, transmitting S.B. No. 29, S.D. 2, which proposes an amendment to the Hawai'i State Constitution and reads as follows:

"February 22, 2021

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor of the State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, written notice is hereby given of the final form of the following bill, a copy of which is attached hereto:

S.B. No. 29, S.D. 2
"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION, TO REQUIRE THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PLAN TO PRODUCE ENOUGH HOUSING TO MEET DEMAND IN THEIR MANAGEMENT OF POPULATION GROWTH."

Respectfully,
/s/Carol Taniguchi
CAROL TANIGUCHI
Clerk of the Senate"

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 41) was read by the Clerk and was referred to committee:

S.C.R. No. 41 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING PAYMENT TO HAWAII'S COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES(CCFH) AND EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES (E-ARCH) FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Chang, Inouye, Acasio, Baker, Gabbard, Wakai.

Referred to: Committee on Human Services

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 603) recommending that S.B. No. 76, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 76, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 604) recommending that S.B. No. 315, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 315, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 605) recommending that S.B. No. 911, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 911, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRANTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 606) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GENE DEMELLO JR to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 607.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 606 and Gov. Msg. No. 607 was deferred until Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 607) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MAX OTANI as Director of the Department of Public Safety, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 507.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 607 and Gov. Msg. No. 507 was deferred until Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 608) recommending that S.B. No. 1353, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 608 and S.B. No. 1353, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE,"
was deferred until Thursday, March 4, 2021.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 402:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, S.B. No. 402, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENTS FOR EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

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

S.B. No. 1334, Jointly to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
S.D. 1 and the Committee on Housing, then jointly to
the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee
on Ways and Means and the Committee on
Water and Land

S.B. No. 1420 Jointly to the Committee on Government
Operations and the Committee on Ways and
Means

At this time, the Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:37 a.m., on motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2021.