

## NINTH DAY

## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022, convened at 11:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with Senators Chang, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Keohokalole, Misalucha, Moriwaki, Rhoads, and Shimabukuro present and participating via videoconference, and with the exception of Senator Kidani who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Eighth Day.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2025) recommending that S.B. No. 3095 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3095, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A MAINTENANCE BASE YARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2026) recommending that S.B. No. 3098 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3098, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR LEAD ABATEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2027) recommending that S.B. No. 2180 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2180, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2028) recommending that S.B. No. 2817 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2817, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2029) recommending that S.B. No. 2189 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2189, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2030) recommending that S.B. No. 2181, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2181, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2031) recommending that S.B. No. 3209, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3209, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2032) recommending that S.B. No. 2819, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2033) recommending that S.B. No. 2820, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2820, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## THIRD READING

S.B. No. 988, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, S.B. No. 988, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 416, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, S.B. No. 416, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESS FEES AND

REIMBURSEMENTS IN CRIMINAL CASES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 212, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, S.B. No. 212, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2006 (S.B. No. 352, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2006 was adopted and S.B. No. 352, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2007 (S.B. No. 206, S.D. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2007 be adopted and S.B. No. 206, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of the measure as follows:

“A bill like this has been introduced for a number of years now by several of us in both the House and the Senate. The pandemic has made the problem much more acute, and the underlying problem is, if someone gets a Section 8 housing voucher or some kind of government support for a rental, in many cases they can’t use it. Now, there are different kinds of housing vouchers available, but the state got 708 emergency housing vouchers as part of the federal help on the pandemic. Of those 708, only 36 have been able to find a place to live as of the date of the hearing that the Judiciary committee heard this bill. So this is a real problem if the aid that we’re giving as a government to people can’t be used because they can’t find anybody to take the money; that at least partially defeats the purpose of the aid that we’re trying to give people who are struggling to get by with affordable housing. So that’s it; thank you very much, and I support the bill. Mahalo.”

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in strong support of the measure as follows:

“As the chair of Judiciary has pointed out, there is a huge problem when over 690 households could not use the rental vouchers that we have given them. We need the use of these vouchers to be able to transition the homeless over into affordable housing. We already know that there’s already a problem with affordable housing, but this transitory need that is not being served because landlords are refusing to accept these vouchers is causing a strain on our homeless population and our homeless shelters, and, as such, hopefully, by passage of this bill, we will ease at least 690 households into not using our homeless services. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2007 was adopted and S.B. No. 206, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2008 (S.B. No. 1347, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2008 was adopted and S.B. No. 1347, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2009 (S.B. No. 573, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2009 was adopted and S.B. No. 573, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010 (S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010 was adopted and S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

#### 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. 2545	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2891	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3190	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3251	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3267	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3268	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3269	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Gabbard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.B. No. 2288 and S.B. No. 2297.

Senator Gabbard noted:

“Mr. President, these are two important AEN measures on composting and solid waste that did not get scheduled because of a miscommunication.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Gabbard announced that the Committee on Agriculture and Environment would be holding a public hearing on the measures on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Senator Chang announced that the Senate Committee on Housing and House Committee on Housing would be conducting an informational briefing at 1:30 p.m. today via videoconference about the affordable housing projects in TOD areas along the Honolulu rail line. Senator Chang noted the briefing's promise to be really interesting, with a number of state agencies and a city agency, and he invited all of his colleagues to join.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022.