

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Thursday, March 23, 2023

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 11:35 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Sixth Day.

At this time, Senator Fevella introduced staff members of the Senate Minority Research Office: Joyce Oliveira, Tesha Malama, Elizabeth Tavake, Nia Tatofi, and Raiza Dalofin. Senator Fevella also recognized members of his office staff who were seated in the gallery: Kona Purdy, Christian Ulufanua, and Christopher Shellko.

Senator DeCoite introduced near and dear friend Annie Aki, who was present in the gallery. Senator DeCoite then recognized Uncle Kimokeo Kapahulehua, a dear friend from Maui, who was seated in the gallery.

On behalf of Senator Kim, Senator Wakai introduced students from Moanalua Middle School who were present in the gallery. Accompanying the students were teachers Jarrett Honjiyo and Linda Higashi, counselor Petunia Lau, and student teacher Ka'eo Lee.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 635 to 641, 1101, and 1102) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 635, informing the Senate that on March 22, 2023, the Governor withdrew the nomination of JEFFREY GALON, JR. to the State Council on Mental Health, under Gov. Msg. No. 628, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 635, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 628 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 636, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, the nomination of KAREN BARR, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 637, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, the nomination of KAREN BARR, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 638, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, the nomination of MATTHEW SULLIVAN, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 639, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), the nomination of CHASON ISHII, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 640, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the nomination of SHEUNG MAN WONG, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 641, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood, the nomination of JEFF ESMOND, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 1101, informing the Senate that on March 22, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 36 as Act 1, entitled: "RELATING TO THE INITIATION OF FELONY PROSECUTIONS," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 1102, informing the Senate that on March 22, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1, S.D. 2 as Act 2, entitled: "RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," was placed on file.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1278) recommending that H.B. No. 546, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 546, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai and Inouye, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1279) recommending that H.B. No. 1303, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1303, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1280) recommending that H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME RENOVATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Housing and the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1281) recommending that H.B. No. 224, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1282) recommending that H.B. No. 677, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 677, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1283) recommending that H.B. No. 923, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 923, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1284) recommending that H.B. No. 951, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 951, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1285) recommending that H.B. No. 1054, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1054, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1286) recommending that H.B. No. 1255, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1255, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1287) recommending that H.B. No. 1356, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1356, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID PATIENT CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1288) recommending that H.B. No. 1357, H.D. 1, as

amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1357, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1289) recommending that H.B. No. 1074, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1074, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1290) recommending that H.B. No. 872, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 872, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1291) recommending that H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1292) recommending that H.B. No. 581, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 581, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1293) recommending that H.B. No. 573, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 573, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FENTANYL TEST STRIPS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1294) recommending that H.B. No. 660,

H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 660, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1295) recommending that H.B. No. 314, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 314, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD BANKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1296) recommending that H.B. No. 485, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 485, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARRIAGE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1297) recommending that H.B. No. 907, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 907, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1298) recommending that H.B. No. 1245, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1245, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMBULANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1299) recommending that H.B. No. 948, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 948, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1300) recommending that H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the majority of the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1301) recommending that H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Chang and Wakai, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1302) recommending that H.B. No. 668, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 668, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Chang and Wakai, for the majority of the Committee on Housing and the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1303) recommending that H.B. No. 1363, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1363, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Housing and the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1304) recommending that H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1305) recommending that H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Gabbard, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1306) recommending that H.B. No. 313, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 313, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Inouye and McKelvey, for the majority of the Committee on Water and Land and the majority of the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1307) recommending that H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Inouye and Wakai, for the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1308) recommending that H.B. No. 1511, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1511, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1309) recommending that H.B. No. 883, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 883, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1310) recommending that H.B. No. 1486, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1486, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep.

No. 1311) recommending that H.B. No. 222, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 222, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1312) recommending that H.B. No. 652, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 652, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1313) recommending that H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1314) recommending that H.B. No. 1073, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1073, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1315) recommending that H.B. No. 1366, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1366, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1316) recommending that H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE," passed

Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1317) recommending that H.B. No. 193, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 193, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Wakai, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1318) recommending that H.B. No. 419, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 419, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Wakai, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1319) recommending that H.B. No. 654, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 654, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDINGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Wakai, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1320) recommending that H.B. No. 1375, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1375, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Keohokalole, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1321) recommending that H.B. No. 949, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 949, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second

Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Moriwaki and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1322) recommending that H.B. No. 1409, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1409, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Moriwaki and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1323) recommending that H.B. No. 339, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 339, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE FOR POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1324) recommending that H.B. No. 218, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 218, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1325) recommending that H.B. No. 870, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 870, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1326) recommending that H.B. No. 1263, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1263, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Kim, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1327) recommending that H.B. No. 306, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 306, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1328) recommending that H.B. No. 608, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 608, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Kim, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1329) recommending that H.B. No. 694, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Wakai, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1330) recommending that H.B. No. 695, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 695, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FENCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gabbard and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1331) recommending that H.B. No. 1266, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1266, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD DONATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1332) recommending that H.B. No. 947, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 947, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1333) recommending that H.B. No. 607, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 607, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1334) recommending that H.B. No. 308, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 308, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Wakai, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1335) recommending that H.B. No. 1396, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1396, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the majority of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1336) recommending that the Senate not advise and consent to the nomination of CHRIS SADAYASU as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 505.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1336 and Gov. Msg. No. 505 was deferred until Friday, March 24, 2023.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1337) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KEITH REGAN as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 520.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1337 and Gov. Msg. No. 520 was deferred until Friday, March 24, 2023.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the majority of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1338) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KALI WATSON as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 524.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1338 and Gov. Msg. No. 524 was deferred until Friday, March 24, 2023.

ORDER OF THE DAY
ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1226 (Gov. Msg. No. 528):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1226 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LAURA KAAKUA as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, term to expire December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Elefante.

Senator Inouye rose to speak in strong support of the nominee as follows:

“Laura Kaakua has a long history of legal, land use, and conservation experience through the years. Ms. Kaakua is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i. She earned her bachelor of arts degree at Boston College and is the recipient of certificates and awards from several organizations. Most recently, she has been the president and chief executive officer of the Hawai‘i Land Trust. She has held that position since March 2019 to the present. Prior to that, she enjoyed a brief stint as a lecturer at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i in 2017.

“From April 2010 to March 2019, Laura Kaakua was the native lands program manager for the Trust for Public Land in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. She enjoyed a six-month contract working on the annual Envision Hawai‘i conference from October 2009 to March 2010. She also worked in various capacities within the legal realm for the Third Circuit Court, the United States District Court, and Earthjustice. She also worked at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and as a team leader for the Hawai‘i Youth Conservation Corps. Her recent community service includes leadership council member for the Land Trust Alliance, Nā Pualei o Līkolehua hula hālau, Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana, and the Access to Justice Commission.

“Ms. Kaakua will be bringing her legal understanding, conservation background, and management experience to serve the Department of Land and Natural Resources as the deputy to the chairperson. As deputy, she will be accountable as part of DLNR’s leadership team to the people of Hawai‘i. She plans to work with legislators during the legislative sessions and work with the various divisions within DLNR to improve the DLNR’s capacity to fulfill its mission.

“Over her term of service, Laura Kaakua will work every day to accomplish the following goals:

- Support community stewardship and responsibility of DLNR’s lands and waters through legal agreements that make practical sense and allow community and DLNR stewards to focus their limited time and resources on actively caring for the lands and sea;
- Partner with landowners, stewards, farmers, ranchers, and watershed partnerships where DLNR has land to cohesively manage at the ahupua‘a and moku levels;
- Work closely with the Legislature to ensure DLNR has the resources and legal authority needed to accomplish its mission and increase the amount of private and federal funds that go toward conserving and enhancing Hawai‘i’s natural, cultural, and historic resources;
- Work with educational and nonprofit partners to build a pipeline of local stewards and scientists who will become DLNR’s future leaders and diversify the economy through green jobs and innovation;

- Increase transparency and build public trust through open communication, physically going into communities—especially on the neighbor islands—to find common a path toward and managing and supporting DLNR’s 10 divisions.

“Mr. President and members, Ms. Laura Kaakua is highly qualified for the position, and offers the DLNR continuity and enhancement in its mission to nurture Hawai‘i’s land and ocean resources. I strongly ask that you advise and consent in her favor. Mahalo.”

Senator McKelvey rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“You know, Mr. President, productivity, metrics, and walking the walk: Those are the bars by which I believe this body tries to judge the nominees. In this situation, the deputy director has proven to my community that she has done that. She got handed quite a storm with the wrecking of the luxury yacht on Honolua Bay. She flew out on her weekend and was there working with both community advocates, the environmental community, Native Hawaiian community, and others on taking swift action to rectify the situation. Only recently, after a Kona storm, when more vessels ran aground, she made sure the Department responded readily and prevented damage to the Hauola stone, a cherished mark of the Native Hawaiian community and history. She has walked the walk—she’s been the first deputy director that I can recall who’s been out in our community—and so I’d just like to say a few words in support of the nomination. Thank you for letting me do so.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Inouye introduced Deputy Laura Hokunani Edmunds Kaakua, who was present in the gallery with her husband, Josh Kaakua; children Pono and Melia Kaakua; parents, John and Ginny Edmunds; in-laws Joe and Girlie Kaakua; extended family Uncle Muddy Hashimoto and Krislyn Hashimoto; and Department of Land and Natural Resources support staff.

Senator Wakai explained that the jewelry on each member’s desk was a promotional item for a locally produced film about the shaka, which has its origins in Kahuku and has become a global symbol of the aloha that lives in everyone. Senator Wakai expressed his hope that the members would enjoy the item and promote the movie, which was scheduled to come out later in the year.

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on House bills that need to pass Second Reading and move laterally to the final Senate committee is 10:00 p.m. this evening.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 24, 2023.