

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Friday, March 24, 2023

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 11:39 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

At this time, Senator Keith-Agaran introduced the 17th cohort of Ka Ipu Kukui, a program created over 15 years ago by Focus Maui Nui and Decisions Maui to train young leaders on Maui: Allison Cleghorn, County of Maui; Courtney Ikawa, Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i; Jason Strahn, Maui Printing Company; Jayson Watts, Mahi Pono; Kanoelani Davis, PoMahina Designs; Lauren Nelson, Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Lauren Matsushita, Maui Health; Lin McEwan, ProArts, Inc.; Patty-Ann Copperfield, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.; RoAnn Vilorina, Department of Health; Serena Fukushima, Maui Invasive Species Committee; Stephen Bennett, Trilogy Excursions; Steven Baptiste, Humble Tours; Ted Anderson, Venture Physical Therapy; and Theo Stiller, WestPac Wealth Partners. Accompanying them in the gallery was Ka Ipu Kukui executive consultant Charen Kepler.

Senator Shimabukuro introduced guests from the Wai'anae Coast who were seated in the gallery: Hawaiian Homes commissioner Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya and Nānākuli Homestead lessee Germaine Meyers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1339) recommending that H.B. No. 261, 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. 261, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1340) recommending that H.B. No. 1301, 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. 1301, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1341) recommending that H.B. No. 968, 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. 968, 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 Inouye and Kim, for the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1342) recommending that H.B.

No. 88, 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. 88, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL EROSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. 1343) recommending that H.B. No. 892, 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. 892, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Inouye and Gabbard, for the Committee on Water and Land and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1344) recommending that H.B. No. 952, 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 majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 952, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Inouye and Gabbard, for the Committee on Water and Land and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1345) recommending that H.B. No. 1101, H.D. 1, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1101, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER FEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1346) recommending that H.B. No. 678, 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. 678, 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 San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1347) recommending that H.B. No. 622, H.D. 2, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 622, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary 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. 1348) recommending that H.B. No. 950, 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. 950, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT ORDERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kim and Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1349) recommending that H.B. No. 1430, 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. 1430, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1350) recommending that H.B. No. 353, 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. 353, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Lee, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1351) recommending that H.B. No. 415, 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. 415, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Kim, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1352) recommending that H.B. No. 1148, 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. 1148, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second

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

Senators San Buenaventura and Kim, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1353) recommending that H.B. No. 838, 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. 838, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1354) recommending that H.B. No. 32, 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. 32, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1355) recommending that H.B. No. 1184, 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. 1184, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Moriwaki, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1356) recommending that H.B. No. 547, 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. 547, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Shimabukuro and Chang, for the majority of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1357) recommending that H.B. No. 567, 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. 567, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Inouye, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1358) recommending that H.B. No. 441, 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. 441, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE EQUITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Inouye, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1359) recommending that H.B. No. 615, H.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. 615, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL USES AND ACTIVITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gabbard and Inouye, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1360) recommending that H.B. No. 995, 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. 995, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Inouye, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the majority of the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1361) recommending that H.B. No. 1182, 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. 1182, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, with Senator Elefante voting "No."

Senators Wakai and Kim, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1362) recommending that H.B. No. 1129, 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. 1129, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED WOMEN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai and Kim, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1363) recommending that H.B. No. 1131, 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. 1131, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER PARITY IN PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Rhoads and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1364) recommending that H.B. No. 1442, 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. 1442, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REHABILITATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1365) recommending that H.B. No. 525, 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. 525, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1366) recommending that H.B. No. 159, 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. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1367) recommending that H.B. No. 647, H.D. 1, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 647, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1368) recommending that H.B. No. 933, 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. 933, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1369) recommending that H.B. No. 554, H.D. 2, 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. 554, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Keohokalole and Lee, for the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1370) recommending that H.B. No. 1415, 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. 1415, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Wakai, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1371) recommending that H.B. No. 67, 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. 67, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PU'UHONUA PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Wakai, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1372) recommending that H.B. No. 406, 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. 406, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Lee, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1373) recommending that H.B. No. 1201, 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. 1201, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION," 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. 1374) recommending that H.B. No. 388, 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. 388, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," 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. 1375) recommending that H.B. No. 503, 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. 503, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION," 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. 1376) recommending that H.B. No. 960, 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. 960, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," 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. 1377) recommending that H.B. No. 961, 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. 961, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," 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. 1378) recommending that H.B. No. 1046, 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. 1046, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1379) recommending that H.B. No. 1329, 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. 1329, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," 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. 1380) recommending that H.B. No. 1412, 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. 1412, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kim and Kidani, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1381) recommending that H.B. No. 1204, 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. 1204, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION," passed Second

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

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1382) recommending that H.B. No. 382, 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. 382, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1383) recommending that H.B. No. 351, 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. 351, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Keohokalole and Gabbard, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1384) recommending that H.B. No. 1250, 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. 1250, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1385) recommending that H.B. No. 478, 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. 478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Lee and Gabbard, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1386) recommending that H.B. No. 1406, 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. 1406, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1387) recommending that H.B. No. 105, 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. 105, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1388) recommending that H.B. No. 473, 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. 473, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1389) recommending that H.B. No. 480, 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. 480, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gabbard and Inouye, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1390) recommending that H.B. No. 837, 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. 837, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1391) recommending that H.B. No. 1326, 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. 1326, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Keohokalole, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1392) recommending that H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 2, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1393) recommending that H.B. No. 884, 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. 884, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAVELING TEAM PHYSICIANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Keohokalole and Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1394) recommending that H.B. No. 1439, 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. 1439, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," 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. 1395) recommending that H.B. No. 350, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 350, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE REPORTING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1396) recommending that H.B. No. 1081, H.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. 1081, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR UNLICENSED CARE HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1397) recommending that H.B. No. 91, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Senators Lee and Wakai, for the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1398) recommending that H.B. No. 118, 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. 118, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC FINES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Lee and Wakai, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1399) recommending that H.B. No. 1109, 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. 1109, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1400) recommending that H.B. No. 24, 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. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER COMMON CARRIERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1401) recommending that H.B. No. 714, 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. 714, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOORING LINES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Moriwaki, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1402) recommending that H.B. No. 777, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 777, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1403) recommending that H.B. No. 541, 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. 541, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY," 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. 1404) recommending that H.B. No. 1340, 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. 1340, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1405) recommending that H.B. No. 719, 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. 719, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1406) recommending that H.B. No. 1156, 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. 1156, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," 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. 1407) recommending that H.B. No. 233, 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. 233, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CHILD TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and McKelvey, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1408) recommending that H.B. No. 977, 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. 977, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PURCHASES OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McKelvey and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1409) recommending that H.B. No. 978, 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. 978, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PURCHASES OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1410) recommending that H.B. No. 1145, 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 Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1145, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the majority of the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1411) recommending that H.B. No. 167, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 167, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WAGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1412) recommending that H.B. No. 565, 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. 565, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SELF-INSURANCE AGAINST PROPERTY AND CASUALTY RISKS," 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. 1413) recommending that H.B. No. 1217, H.D. 2, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1217, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Keohokalole, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services and the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1414) recommending that H.B. No. 650, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 650, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Lee and DeCoite, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1415) recommending that H.B. No. 346, 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. 346, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1416) recommending that H.B. No. 640, 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. 640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1417) recommending that H.B. No. 110, 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. 110, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1418) recommending that H.B. No. 710, 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. 710, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator McKelvey, for the majority of the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1419) recommending that H.B. No. 712, 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 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. 712, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1420) recommending that H.B. No. 723, 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. 723, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators San Buenaventura and Keohokalole, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1421) recommending that H.B.

No. 1082, H.D. 3, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1082, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Keohokalole, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1422) recommending that H.B. No. 1300, 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. 1300, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

MATTER DEFERRED FROM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

The Chair made the following observation:

"All motions for advise and consent will be in the affirmative, even in the case of Director Sadayasu, who was a negative recommendation, so anyone voting 'yes' on any of the four advise and consent matters is voting 'yes' to confirm; anybody voting 'no' would be in opposition to the confirmation."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1225 (Gov. Msg. No. 506):

Senator Inouye moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SCOTT GLENN as Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

"Mr. Glenn has already been serving as the director of OPSD since December 2022 and has adeptly navigated through the duties and responsibilities of the position.

"Prior to his appointment to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Scott Glenn demonstrated his leadership ability by reinvigorating the Hawai'i State Energy Office after the Legislature reestablished the agency as part of its efforts to help the state achieve a more resilient, clean-energy economy. Before that, Mr. Glenn served as the director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, where he was responsible for the modernization of the state's environmental review process. Before coming into public service, Scott Glenn worked in the private sector, where he focused on planning, asset management, and risk analysis and led or held key roles on multiple multi-million dollar projects for both public- and private-sector clients.

"As director, Mr. Glenn will bring an innovative, data-driven, collaborative cross-sector approach to today's challenges. Mr. Glenn will be supporting OPSD's mission and statutory activities. He outlines 11 specific activities pursuant to HRS Section 225M-2, which includes the following:

- State comprehensive planning and program coordination via state functional plans;
- Strategic planning of significant issues and formulating alternatives and opportunities;
- Planning coordination among state agencies and the state, county, and federal governments;
- Statewide planning and geographic information system through the gathering of various forms of data and information;
- Land use planning by developing and presenting the state in all boundary change petitions and proceedings before the Land Use Commission;
- Coastal and ocean property policy management and sea level rise adaptation coordination by administering the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program;
- Regional planning and studies to determine carrying capacity and impacts;
- Regional, national, and international planning by participating in and ensuring consistency to the extent practicable with regional, national, and international planning efforts;
- Climate adaptation and sustainability planning and coordination;
- Smart growth and transit-oriented development (TOD) by acting as the lead agency to coordinate and advance smart growth and TOD planning within the state;
- Environmental review by performing the duties set forth under HRS Chapter 343.

“One hundred twelve testifiers submitted testimony in support of Mr. Glenn, and seven opposed. Many of his colleagues and distinguished government officials have spoken very highly of Mr. Glenn. For these and many other reasons, Mr. President and colleagues, I ask you for your support of Scott Glenn in his nomination as director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Mahalo, Mr. President.”

Senator Fevella rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Colleagues, I have grave concerns about this nominee. As a leader, he failed to take care of his staff. At the State Energy Office, he promised to build energy projects, and he failed to deliver. And the most important concern I have is, he has failed to be a man of his word.

“At his confirmation hearing in Water and Land on March 8, 2023, I specifically asked him, knowing the deadline of the AES plant, I approached him and asked him if he came to legislators to request a deadline extension. In the hearing, he said he did. I spoke to my colleagues and my colleague from the energy subject matter, and he said, ‘No, the G.M. did not talk to me about an extension legislation.’ Then, again, I got reports from AES workers on G.M. 506 that he did not reach out to them, either. After the March 8 hearing, he came up to me in the hallway area, and he said, ‘Oh, Senator, I misspoke in the hearing.’ As why today I wanted to put on the following worker in the evidence of the coal plant that was going to meet the deadline in 2020. He had an opportunity to take action—failed to take action in 2020, 2021, and 2022. He did not misspeak to me in the hallway: He lied. I oppose G.M. 506 strongly because not only in his previous position as the energy chair, but environmentally, he failed our communities in environmental, not taking the steps that he needed to do when it came to the windmills and informing the communities of energy that wasn’t so clean and wasn’t so firm, and when they were trying to build on Camp Pālehua windmills that we got wind of it—pardon my joke—and we stopped it. The community got together and stopped it. He told me, when I was in the energy, when Senator Kai Kahele was there, in the committee when I first got here: No more windmills. Soon after that—reason why I remember

this, I don’t need write um down, because I take it seriously when somebody like to use the word ‘mislead.’

“Colleagues, when I spoke yesterday from my heart, I was truly troubled in this chamber because I was taught, and I was taught right, by the leadership of this body that all we have is our word. So when we give each other our word here, we’re family. And what had happened: He tried to convince for opportunities to have windmills in Camp Pālehua, offshore windmills—in my community, both of them. When he said in the hearing, he gave me his word: No more windmills. Trying to help the community of Kahuku on the setbacks—no cooperation. You have to have a backbone to lead, and he did not; he failed. And this is the person that we’re going to put forward of this body leading our department? I urge my colleagues to vote with me in opposition to Scott Glenn, G.M. 506. Thank you, Senate President and colleagues; God bless.”

Senator Wakai rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Mr. President and colleagues, the state made a grave mistake by passing a law in the summer of 2020 to shut down O’ahu’s coal plant, largely based on assurances by the State Energy Office that there would be plenty of solar projects coming online. Its closure two years later, which was last September, coupled with rising oil prices have left residents paying for that mistake. Today, energy bills are 25 percent higher than a year ago.

“I didn’t watch the Water and Land confirmation hearing on March 8 because I was preparing for my own confirmation hearing for nominees to the Department of Law Enforcement as well as the Department of Defense. As I headed to that hearing, Mr. Glenn stopped me near the rail. He looked frazzled, and he wanted to alert me that he just made a misstatement to the committee about meeting with me on the coal plant closure. I agreed: We never discussed options prior to that coal plant being shut down. Mr. Glenn went on to convey to the senator from ‘Ewa that he had misled the committee as well and admitted to never conveying a plan. Instead of accepting his mistake, Mr. Glenn tried to cover it up. On March 18th, he sent a letter to the Water and Land chair claiming that he met with me in the Powering Past Coal Task Force meetings that began in 2021. This was a group of 20 people Zooming in online. There was no one-on-one meeting to, again, talk about any kind of mitigation plans for the shutdown of the coal plant when our renewable energy projects were obviously not going to come online soon enough.

“Members, we all make mistakes—that is forgivable. Trying to cover it up is not. I encourage you to vote ‘no’ on this nominee.”

Senator Moriwaki rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“We vote today on whether the nominee can lead the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD). I cannot vote ‘yes’ on Scott Glenn. I’ve known Scott—appreciate his work on the Office of Environmental Quality Control in its update of the environmental impact statement rules and at the State Energy Office. However, effective leadership is more than working with stakeholders to achieve initiatives. Leadership also requires inspiring and bringing employees along, including those who may disagree and take issue with our actions—all this to achieve the joint mission of the office. I’ve heard some very serious concerns from OPSD employees. They feel unsupported in their work—subject-matter experts with their opinions disregarded. Some have already left; others say they will leave if Scott is confirmed. As labor committee chair, I know that the state faces a significant workforce shortage. We

cannot afford to lose qualified staff and, in particular, in this very important office that plans for our future. We need leaders who can inspire and support employees to change government to make sure we serve the public. Thank you, Mr. Chair.”

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

“The descriptions I’ve heard of Mr. Glenn are ones that I just don’t even recognize the individual that I thought I knew a little bit. He and his wife live in the building I live in in Chinatown, and my experience with him has always been he’s very straightforward, almost to the point of, sometimes he tells you things you don’t want to hear because he thinks it’s the truth, and sometimes we don’t always want to hear exactly what the situation is. He understands very clearly what’s going to happen to the state of Hawai‘i as global warming progresses, and he’s a capable enough person that he’ll make great contributions in helping the state deal with the many things that we’re going to have to deal with as global warming gets worse. I think he’ll do a great job in this position, and I hope that my colleagues will agree with me. Mahalo.”

Senator Kidani rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“My concerns with the nominee have to do with his past performance, which lacked outcomes in his role as the chief energy officer and issues that have surfaced in his role as director of Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Statute 196-71 established the Energy Office to do this:

- Provide analysis and planning to actively develop and inform policies to achieve energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation goals with the Legislature, Public Utilities Commission, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders;
- Number two, lead efforts to incorporate;
- And three, provide energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation to reduce costs and achieve clean energy goals across all public facilities;
- Number four, engage the private sector to help lead efforts to achieve renewable energy and clean transportation goals through the Hawai‘i Clean Energy Initiative.

He did not do these things.

“We are all suffering from the high cost of living, especially high cost of energy. The nominee was in charge of the Energy Office and should have played a significant role in planning to keep our cost of energy down. He had a very significant voice in shutting down the lowest cost of energy for O‘ahu, and during the session of 2020, he did not talk to our subject-matter chair, even though he lied during his confirmation hearing, saying that he did. His lie was that he informed us—this body—that the retirement of the coal plant was going to increase the cost significantly. He also was informed that the solar farms forecasted to make up for the loss of 20 percent of O‘ahu’s energy would be delayed but did not recommend to this body that we hold off on that legislation or make a contingency plan. He had full opportunity to come back to the legislators in 2021 and 2022 before the shutdown of the coal plant to let us know of the further delays in the solar projects and could have put in a bill to mitigate this issue, but nothing was done. For this reason, Mr. President, I cannot support this nominee.”

At 12:02 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

The Chair called for a Roll Call vote, and clarified the voting procedures.

The motion was put by the Chair and, Roll Call vote having been requested, failed to carry on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Shimabukuro). Noes, 12 (Aquino, Awa, Chang, DeCoite, Dela Cruz, Fevella, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Kim, McKelvey, Moriwaki, Wakai). Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

By unanimous consent, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1225 was received and placed on file.

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1336 (Gov. Msg. No. 505):

At this time, the Chair made the following observation:

“Members, pursuant to Senate Rule 37, the final question on nominations made by the governor must be stated in the affirmative. So, again, a ‘yes’ vote is to confirm; a ‘no’ vote is against confirmation.”

Senator Kanuha moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1336 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 37, Senator Kanuha moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHRIS SADAYASU as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator DeCoite rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“As the chair of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, I took my responsibility in vetting the G.M. nomination very seriously. I want to make sure that the next director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is ready for the task and can help the department, its divisions, and attached agencies succeed in their missions. I did not come to my recommendation to not advise and consent lightly. I’m a fan and a supporter of our current governor, and I want to support the administration, and the best way I can do this is to be honest—to be honest and to make my recommendations based on the information in front of me and based on the performance we have seen so far.

“It was my task and the task of the EET committee members to vet this nominee. These are the concerns shared by the majority of the EET committee members as well: concerns over his understanding of the Sunshine Law, serious concerns over his ability to manage all of the staff under his jurisdiction at DBEDT and attached agencies. His résumé mentions that he previously supervised four employees. DBEDT and its attached agencies has 330 employees. His inexperience in managing and communicating with staff became apparent during our WAM briefings. It was clear to committee members that there was a lack of communication, which led to the nominee making announcements about pending actions before his attached agencies were notified. A director cannot blindsides staff like that. A director has to have a clear communication plan. They need to know how to get updates and reports from their employees, and give clear instructions and deadlines. A healthy communication plan fosters a productive and healthy work environment. Another point that became evident during the WAM briefings was a lack of familiarity with his own department’s budget, and when questioned by the chair of WAM on certain line items, he was willing just to let them be taken out instead of backing up the planned budget put together. He didn’t take ownership of his department’s budget and, by not doing so, he also failed to back up his staff. He had a lot of supportive testimony, but most was boilerplate, where they were just relisting items from his résumé without any actual

examples of the leadership accomplishments of community involvement.

“As members of the Senate, we must take responsibility to advise and consent seriously. This is the business of the state; people’s livelihoods depend on this. It’s not about who we like or who we are friends with. The question is: Can the person do the lead and do the job well? Clearly, he cannot. All of us have an obligation to our constituents to confirm department heads who will operate our departments effectively and efficiently. Mr. President, this is not a personal decision for me. This vote is about process and the ability to get the job done. I don’t feel Mr. Sadayasu has the capacity to do what is being asked of him at this time. I ask for you to support the decision made by your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism to not advise and consent on this nominee. Mahalo.”

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

“During the past 20-plus years, more than almost any other department within the state cabinet, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has been the product of multiple changes that the State Legislature and the executive branch have agreed upon. Its policies and procedures have been driven by legislative priorities to diversify Hawai‘i’s economy while determining how to strike the appropriate balance between Hawai‘i’s traditional reliance on tourism, military spending, and construction against future-oriented industries that build upon local residents’ creative strengths. Where conditions have fallen short, as was recently pointed out in the *Star-Advertiser’s* coverage of the leaking roof and structural issues associated with the Convention Center or with Aloha Stadium’s rust problems, I believe that the Legislature is just as responsible as our other executive agencies for delayed corrective action. As such, Chris Sadayasu’s long-term experience within a variety of DBEDT agencies and in county government gives him a unique perspective that few other candidates have. The fact that he is well respected within the department and among those who interact with the department demonstrates his strengths of being hard-working, analytical, and demanding as well as being fair and inclusive. I therefore urge my colleagues to join in confirming Mr. Sadayasu as director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Thank you.”

Senator Fevella rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Mr. President, Chris Sadayasu appeared before several WAM and EET hearings. These hearings were the opportunity for Mr. Sadayasu to demonstrate his ability to lead, to present new ideas and innovation, and display strong decision-making skills, but the nominee missed the mark. He appeared before the committee unprepared. Mr. President, like any sports team, the DBEDT needs a head coach, someone who will show strong understanding of the fundamentals, someone who will be visionary with skills to advance the strategies, but what Mr. Sadayasu showed us, his experience that we all talk about in a different department, was all mid-level management. He never took a lead role in those positions. Even in HTA, he was behind the scenes. I oppose this nominee and wish my colleagues will support me in not recommending, and opposing G.M. 505. Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues; God bless and aloha.”

Senator Kim rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Mr. President, it does not give me any pleasure to stand up and explain my vote in opposition, but we have been accused that our votes are political rather than based on job performance. So, as a member of the EET committee, my vote

was and is based on the nominee’s résumé of his experience and his job performance before the Ways and Means committee budget briefings and his performance at the confirmation hearing. Here are the specifics: The DBEDT director’s job description is to manage the development and implementation of economic change through retention, expansion, attraction of commerce and light industry, and the creation of incentive zone programs, business growth, and expansion. The nominee’s résumé lacks experience in these areas and does not exhibit the skills needed to manage and oversee a department of six divisions and ten attached agencies. He has never managed more than five employees throughout his whole work history. This lack of management skills and collaboration showed itself when he, on January 25th, during the budget briefing, announced, unrelated to the day’s agenda, that he was taking over the USA marketing RFP and not the destination RFP, which I thought was baseless since it was not consistent with his reasoning. I quote the nominee: ‘The director’s office is going to take on the USA marketing RFP and we’re going to issue it ourselves. We’ll take it on, and we’ll manage it. I haven’t even informed them—HTA—and I’m going to inform the board tomorrow.’ It is troubling that he did not collaborate or inform HTA before making this announcement publicly that he, as the HOA, was taking over just half of the RFP. Then, the next day, when he met with HTA, he changed his mind. Mr. President, a thoughtful, experienced director would not have jumped the gun and be so erratic.

“Further, during the Ways and Means budget briefings, the nominee was not prepared. He did not display the ability to identify and prioritize DBEDT’s budget, adds of hundreds of thousands of dollars. He did not exhibit fiscal restraint, and approved all 60 new adds that was asked for; he did not reject any one of them. Of the 60 new adds, 50 were identified by him as the number one priority, while 9 were number two, and just 1 as number three. And, during that budget briefing, several DBEDT division heads responded that they would not be pursuing some of the new asks and did not need them, which reflected the director’s lack of vetting his division budget request.

“Finally, on the DBEDT’s webpage, ‘About the Director’ states, ‘Sadayasu has over 17 years of experience as an expert in economic development in DBEDT’s various attached agencies, including HTA.’ Mr. President, my research, along with reviewing all of the HTA’s board meeting minutes as well as the standing marketing committee minutes during his time at HTA and other attached agencies: The record does not reach the level of ‘expert’ in economic development. At HTA, he was a mid-level manager with no decision-making responsibilities. These minutes also show that:

- In 2016, his first year that he was at DBEDT, he was absent from seven out of eleven regular board meetings;
- In 2018, absent from eight of twelve regular board meetings, and the same year, 2018, absent from four out of nine standing marketing committee meetings;
- In 2020, absent from eight of the nine regular board meetings, and the same year, 2020, absent from seven out of the eight standing marketing committee meetings;
- In 2021, absent from all regular board meetings and all marketing committee meetings until August 2021, when he left HTA.

In the meetings he did attend, he did not have any role in the discussions of his assigned areas of marketing or sports. So this is far from being an expert as described on the DBEDT’s webpage.

“Mr. President, Mr. Sadayasu is an enthusiastic young man and deserves a chance, but my research and all that I’ve seen, read, and heard, he is not ready to lead one of the most important departments in the state during this time of economic

uncertainty. Therefore, Mr. President, I cannot support Governor's Message 505. Thank you."

The Chair called for a Roll Call vote, and clarified the voting procedures.

The motion was put by the Chair and, Roll Call vote having been requested, failed to carry on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Chang). Noes, 15 (Aquino, Awa, DeCoite, Dela Cruz, Fevella, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran, Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, Kouchi, Lee, McKelvey, Moriwaki, Shimabukuro). Excused, 2 (San Buenaventura, Wakai).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1337 (Gov. Msg. No. 520):

Senator McKelvey moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1337 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator McKelvey then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KEITH REGAN as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"During the hearing for the deputy, we brought up several issues. Mr. President, your Committee on Government Operations—we went ahead and put the nominee through a grilling process. As I like to say, it was like a Redondo dog on a hibachi at a UH game. We saw, during the WAM info briefings, there were a lot of questions raised about the nominee and his grasp of the area and his relationship with the subject matters. I met with him and explained to him of these areas, and I also talked to him about the fact that you are the acting comptroller now; it's time to walk and do things and not discuss it.

"We brought up issues during the hearing of the deputy, Mr. President, and during his hearing, he went ahead and he described the fixes to which we were seeking, like deficiencies in paying out vouchers: vouchers for Department of Health and Human Services that go to our nonprofits to take care of our needy community. He came forward with the fix for these issues. He's found creative ways to fill other vacancies that are much needed and develop a recruitment pipeline using our colleges, our high schools, and even appearing himself personally at job fairs which DAGS has been holding. He's addressing the mold situation at DOE and facilities on Hawai'i island, and didn't shrink away from the criticism that came up about the situation during the committee hearing. Mr. Regan has a detailed, intricate knowledge of all of the divisions in DAGS, from Public Works all the way to Central Services, and many of them have formally and informally vouched for his involvement and team-building spirit for this agency. He has created a 'DAGS in your district' bulletin to update us lawmakers on specific DAGS-related projects, incidents, and issues, as well as response plans to help us better communicate projects to our constituents. He has done a deep dive with the support of administrators like Public Works on how we can address the big issues in project delivery that are being overlooked. He has encouraged current measures and initiatives. He has identified the need for provided immediate office space and support for the School Facilities Authority so they can grow into what we envision them to be. He has met with your committee chair and given us detailed metric reports and updates on the different divisions in DAGS, and he's even identified how we can truly introduce new policies next year to address what is the slowdown in the construction delivery process that goes far beyond procurement. He has worked with risk assessment division on emulating creative solutions that

other states have done to address the spiraling costs of insurance for our state facilities. And, finally, he has implemented the job program in DAGS and looks to expand it to the neighbor islands, a program that will be visiting all of our schools in my district. The principals and teachers are happy to finally see jobs being done and permitting being bundled.

"We started the relationship with Mr. Regan, we challenged him, and he has grown and he has delivered. He has worked with your office on addressing issues within the central campus itself. So, through this exact process, Mr. President, I think he has responded well. He has the support and camaraderie of his agency, he knows his program areas, and he's willing to work hard for the people of Hawai'i, and for that I'd like to go ahead and ask your support for the advise and consent for Mr. Regan as the comptroller."

The Chair reminded visitors in the gallery to silence or turn off their cell phones.

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

"Keith Regan is one of the leading examples of a qualified candidate to lead a state department. He has constantly shown the Senate his leadership through his preparation. Prior to his meeting with me, we had discussed and has knowledge of the functions of his department. I had a chance to meet with Keith Regan prior to his nomination, and we easily came to an agreement about possibly creating a state permitting office. His leadership role in and at the County of Maui, HTA, and DCCA as a front-row player, not a backseat driver, and prove his qualification and have no doubt that this nominee, Keith Regan, will be able to lead the department successfully. I ask my colleagues to please support G.M. 520, Keith Regan. Mahalo and God bless."

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

"Keith Regan is aspiring to be the state's comptroller. He has proven himself to be a state collaborator: He comes to us with 16 years of government experience, first at Maui County and more recently with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. During his tenure at HTA, I worked closely with Mr. Regan, who was the chief administrative officer. Whenever I asked for data or documents, he was always forthcoming and always responsive. We didn't always agree on tourism policy, but we always interacted respectfully. DAGS faces significant vacancies, a substantial deferred maintenance backlog, and reducing the state's dependency on leased office space. Over the past few months, I've seen improvements to modernize operational efficiency, innovative approaches to overcoming these lingering challenges, and supporting his team through improved communication and personal development growth opportunities. Mr. Regan has the ability to bring people together to overcome challenges that may seem insurmountable at first. Maintaining the state's infrastructure is vitally important; it's not super exciting, but Mr. Regan provides a sense of excitement and an expectation that we will see much better outcomes in the years ahead. I encourage all of you to support this exemplary collaborator to be our next comptroller."

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

Senator McKelvey introduced Comptroller Keith Regan, who was present in the gallery with his wife, Lynn Araki-Regan; son Riley Regan; in-laws Ann and Fred Araki; uncle George Shimada; and friends and colleagues from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1338 (Gov. Msg. No. 524):

Senator Shimabukuro moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1338 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Ihara and carried.

Senator Shimabukuro then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KALI WATSON as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, term to expire December 31, 2026, seconded by Senator Ihara.

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

“Mr. President, your Committee believes that Mr. Watson’s extensive project development and legal background, combined with his lifelong service on behalf of Native Hawaiian housing and cultural issues, qualifies him to serve as chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee finds that Mr. Watson is an established and sophisticated project developer with a proven track record of success, and that his subject-matter expertise and fluency in the complex field of housing development, which encompasses bond financing, housing tax credits, project management, and land use and zoning laws, will allow him to immediately take the helm and begin putting plans into action for the benefit of Native Hawaiian people.

“Your Committee finds that one of the chief concerns for many who testified was the need to quickly and efficiently encumber the \$600 million appropriated by the Legislature through Act 279, Session Laws of 2022, before the funds lapse, and your Committee appreciates Mr. Watson’s express intent to aggressively pursue the 20 projects identified in the strategic plan approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

“Members, we’ve received some recent concerns from the Ahupua’a o Nānākuli Homestead; Mr. Watson will be reaching out to this important group of beneficiaries to discuss their concerns.

“Mr. President, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found him to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends the Senate advise and consent to his nomination. Mahalo.”

Senator Fevella rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Beneficiaries, constituents, and our Hawaiian community asked me to share my deepest concerns about G.M. 524. Nineteen years of dealing with DHHL and his nonprofit. He was asked over 10 times at his confirmation hearing about his many conflicts of interest. Just imagine, three out of the five of my colleagues in the Hawaiian committee are attorneys. None of them could get a clear answer about how he was to avoid his many conflicts of interest. One of my colleagues even asked him, ‘Why did you send in your answers to the committee’s questionnaire on your Hawaiian Community Development Board (HCDB) letterhead?’ The G.M. 524 did not and could not see that there was a problem with his using HCDB letterhead. Most ethical people will see that there should be a clear separation, but no: This G.M. said he would encourage his nonprofit to stay engaged with DHHL.

“My colleagues, we already know these delinquent lease rent payments over \$130,000, cause of hazardous material costing over \$2 million to clean up on his license on the parcel of Kalaeloa, and conflict upon conflict upon conflict of interest and blindness. What disturbs me in the committee was that he said his son, on one of the properties off in Mā’ili, he pays him \$4,500 a month to clean that property. I urge you, colleagues, go check out the property: no maintenance. So these are the

things, because of his attorney and his intelligence and engagement since he has left DHHL—he knows how to work the system, and Kali been working the system for a long, long time.

“I’ve had opposition to this man for decades. Mililani Trask testified in favor of this man—hmm, why? Geothermal on Hawaiian home lands, family and friends. Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya wants to be back a commissioner. These are the things you gotta look on who came. Crabbe from Moloka’i, the largest contaminator on Moloka’i, came—not only came, but also threatened my staff member. These are the people that he deals with. These are the people that’s willing to go against their Hawaiian community to get what they special interest conflicts that he has. What disturbs me is what Crabbe told my staff, and I don’t need this for that [*puts down paper*]. He was outside there supporting the opposition of Kali Watson’s nomination. This guy, Crabbe, comes up to my staff talking story, then he realized that he works for me. This is what he told my staff: ‘Wow, back in the day, politicians would get assassinated.’ That’s us. And I know I don’t call myself a politician—I’m an elected official—but I wasn’t afraid for myself, colleagues. I was afraid for my staff and my fellow colleagues. But this is the kind of people thinking that this is the kind of decade we’re living in. This is not 1976. We have to stop the insanity and stop recycling people that’s not pono for our people to go forward and prosper. I ask you, colleagues in this chamber: Do the right thing and vote ‘no’ on this nominee. Thank you, God bless, and aloha.”

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

Ayes, 21; Ayes with Reservations (Kidani). Noes, 2 (Awa, Fevella). Excused, 2 (Chang, San Buenaventura).

Senator Shimabukuro introduced Chairperson Kali Watson, who was present in the gallery with his wife, Judith Pavey; executive assistant Richard Hoke; and supporters, friends, and colleagues from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 141, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 141, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

H.B. No. 349, H.D. 2, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 349, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

H.B. No. 463, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 463, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

H.B. No. 264, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 264, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST SPORTS OFFICIALS;" having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (San Buenaventura).

At 12:44 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

The Chair extended an invitation to Comptroller Regan and Chairperson Watson to come to the floor to take pictures following adjournment.

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following House bill that was received:

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| H.B. No.: | Re-referred to: |
| H.B. No. 1156, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means |

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolution that was offered:

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| S.C.R. No.: | Re-referred to: |
| S.C.R. No. 55 | Committee on Housing |

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolutions that were offered:

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| S.R. No.: | Re-referred to: |
| S.R. No. 50 | Committee on Housing |
| S.R. No. 75 | Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Government Operations |
| S.R. No. 78 | Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services |

The Chair noted that the advise and consent process has always been challenging because members often lined up on ideology but would often come to different conclusions when they looked at individuals and their performances. The Chair commended the members for having done their homework in arriving at their decisions and for the work they would continue to do. The Chair stated that he expected the members not to change at all as they continued to hold nominees accountable, ensure their questions were answered, and assess whether nominees carried themselves well. The Chair then wished the members a great long weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:47 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2023.