

## SIXTIETH DAY

Thursday, May 4, 2023

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 11:20 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 Fifty-Ninth Day.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 379 to 433) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 379, from the Department of Public Safety, dated November 29, 2022, transmitting the Department of Public Safety 2022 Annual Report pursuant to Act 212, SLH 2018.

Dept. Com. No. 380, from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, dated January 31, 2023, transmitting A Review of the Current Status of Data Collection, Processing, Retention, Sharing Procedures, Needs, Challenges, and Reporting on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Data pursuant to S.C.R. No. 5 (2021).

Dept. Com. No. 381, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 18, 2023, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report for November 2022 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 382, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 18, 2023, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report for December 2022 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 383, from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, dated February 15, 2023, transmitting the Report to the State Legislature on the discovery of a data security incident involving personal information pursuant to Sections 487N-4 and 487J-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 384, from the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, received February 16, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i Health Systems 2022 Annual Report pursuant to Chapter 323F, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 385, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 16, 2023, transmitting the DHS Med-QUEST Health Analytics Program Status Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 386, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 16, 2023, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 387, from the Office of the Ombudsman, dated February 21, 2023, transmitting the Office of the Ombudsman Report Number 53 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022) pursuant to Sections 93-16 and 96-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 388, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated February 22, 2023, transmitting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Annual Report 2022 pursuant to Section 201H-21, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 389, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 1, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Division Modernization Project -

Business Registration System Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Department of Health, dated March 3, 2023, transmitting the Report to the Legislature Regarding an Information Security Breach pursuant to Section 487N-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 8, 2023, transmitting the 2022 Annual Report pursuant to Section 23-9, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 7, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 10, 2023, transmitting the Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2023 (Report No. 23-05) pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 13, 2023, transmitting the Audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (Report No. 23-04) pursuant to Section 10-14.55, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated March 14, 2023, transmitting the Report on The Economic Impact of Domestic Out-of-State Students in Hawai'i 2021 pursuant to S.C.R. No. 21, S.D. 1 (2022).

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 398, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 15, 2023, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 399, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 20, 2022, transmitting the Community-Based Economic Development Technical Assistance Program Annual Report 2022 pursuant to Section 201D-14, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 400, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 13, 2023, transmitting the State of Hawai'i Offices in Taipei and Beijing Annual Report pursuant to Section 201-84, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 401, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 19, 2022, transmitting the Hawaii Sister-State Report 2022 pursuant to Act 150, SLH 2006.

Dept. Com. No. 402, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 20, 2022, transmitting the DBEDT Report on Enterprise Zones Partnership Calendar Year 2021 pursuant to Section 209E-3(5), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 403, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 21, 2023, transmitting the

DHS Med-QUEST Health Analytics Program Status Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 404, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 22, 2023, transmitting the DOT Highways Financial Management System Project Report for January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 405, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 24, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Electronic Case Management System Project Report for November 2022 - Update pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 406, from the Department of Human Services, dated March 24, 2023, transmitting the Report related to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program pursuant to Section 346-51.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 407, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 24, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 408, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 28, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 28, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 29, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 30, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Education pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 412, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 31, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 413, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 23, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i Community Development Authority Annual Report 2022 pursuant to Sections 206E-19 and 206E-267, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 414, from the Department of Transportation, dated April 4, 2023, transmitting the Government Operations Report pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999.

Dept. Com. No. 415, from the University of Hawai'i, dated April 6, 2023, transmitting the Report on Data Exposure at the UH Maui College pursuant to Section 487N-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 416, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated April 4, 2023, transmitting the Aloha Stadium 2022 Annual Report pursuant to Section 206E-226, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 417, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 10, 2023, transmitting the Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (Report No. 23-06) pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 418, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 10, 2023, transmitting the DOT-Highways Financial Management Systems Project Report for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 419, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 12, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Health pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 420, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 13, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of the State of Hawai'i pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 421, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Electronic Case Management System Project Report - Final for December 2022 and January 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 422, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 18, 2023, transmitting the DLIR Disability Compensation Division Electronic Case Management System Project Report - Final for February 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 423, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated April 19, 2023, transmitting the 2022 Listing of Opinions Issued by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 28-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 424, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 19, 2023, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Report for March 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 425, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 426, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Human Services pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 427, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 21, 2023, transmitting the Hawaii DHS Health Analytics Program System Modernization Project Report for March 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 428, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 24, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 429, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 24, 2023, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for March 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 430, from the Office of the Auditor, dated April 25, 2023, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 431, from the State Procurement Office, transmitting the Procurement Consolidation Working Group Interim Report pursuant to Act 282, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 432, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 28, 2023, transmitting the PUC Content and Document Management System Project Report for March 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 433, from the Hawai'i Police Department, transmitting the Report Concerning Electric Guns and Their Use pursuant to Section 134-16(d), HRS.

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 898 to 900) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 898, informing the Senate that on May 2, 2023, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and Finally Adopted the following House concurrent resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 16, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 40, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 41, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 58, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 116, S.D. 1; and  
H.C.R. No. 133, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 899, informing the Senate that on May 2, 2023, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed the following House bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 92, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 97, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 907, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;  
H.B. No. 977, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1081, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1104, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1108, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and  
H.B. No. 1205, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 900, informing the Senate that on May 2, 2023, the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No. 11, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 153, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 161, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 192, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 217, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 218, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 307, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 339, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 349, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 388, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 463, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 475, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 478, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 494, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 503, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 541, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 579, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 674, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 675, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 695, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 704, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 710, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 717, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 777, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 781, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 884, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 923, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 950, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 954, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 961, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 972, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;

H.B. No. 978, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1027, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1033, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1037, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1045, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1082, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1090, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1091, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1101, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1134, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1183, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1184, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1294, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1329, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1363, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1502, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1509, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 7, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 19, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 51, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 105, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 110, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 141, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 151, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 162, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 182, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 203, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 210, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 211, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 214, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 390, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 410, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 473, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 478, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 483, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 497, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 531, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 599, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 602, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 691, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 712, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 726, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 729, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 732, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 746, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 759, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 764, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 798, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 799, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 811, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 930, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 933, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 966, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 968, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1022, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1024, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1057, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1079, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1086, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1151, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1166, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1189, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
S.B. No. 1230, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;

S.B. No. 1232, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1254, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1313, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1340, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1344, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1357, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1378, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1381, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1383, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1391, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1437, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1468, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1493, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1; and  
 S.B. No. 1518, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.

#### JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. Nos. 25 to 27) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 25, dated February 21, 2023, transmitting the Report of Administratively Established New Accounts for Appropriation No. S-23-253-J State Court Improvement Program FY23 pursuant to Section 37-52.5(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 26, dated March 1, 2023, transmitting the Annual Wiretap Report pursuant to Section 803-47(b), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 27, dated April 13, 2023, transmitting the 2022 Hawai'i State Judiciary Annual Report pursuant to Section 601-2(a), HRS.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 (H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 be adopted and H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

Senator Dela Cruz rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“Over the last four months, the Senate Ways and Means committee worked diligently with Senate leadership and Senate members, the governor and executive branch leaders, constituents, stakeholders, and House Finance to deliver a state budget bill that answers the call to address a myriad of persistent and challenging issues for the state.

“With projected state revenues of \$10.35 billion in fiscal year '24 and \$2.2 billion in carryover from fiscal year '23, and projected state revenues of \$10.73 billion in fiscal year '25 and \$500 million in carryover from fiscal year '24, the conference draft of House Bill 300 appropriates in general funds for fiscal year '24 \$11.3 billion, for fiscal year '25, \$10.4 billion; and in all means of financing, fiscal year '24 is \$19.6 billion, and fiscal year '25, \$18.7 billion.

“There were key Senate priorities that did not make it out of conference, such as broader tax relief to help the middle class; cost-of-living increases for the nonprofit sector providing critical programs and services for the Departments of Health and Human Services; the Department of Agriculture's Da Bux program; cesspool conversion resources to assist hundreds of DHHL homesteaders, residents in most of our rural areas, and protection of our islands' water resources; various K-12 education initiatives; the Banyan Drive Master Plan; and, lastly, significant funding increases for senior housing and middle-income family rental supplement payments.

“These vital programs, services, and resources remained important Senate priorities, and they reinforce our resolve and commitment to the work ahead.

“I encourage you to compare the Senate draft and the conference draft to see the various Senate adds and funding measures we were unable to get House agreement on, resulting in the \$500 million carryover left on the table.

“There were, however, many points of agreement in the C.D. prioritized for the biennium to serve our great state. They include but are not limited to:

- Homeless and housing programs and services;
- Additional funds to be deposited into the rainy day fund;
- Early childhood classrooms and the expansion of the Preschool Open Doors Program for three-year-olds;
- Critical state infrastructure repairs and maintenance and replacements;
- Climate change mitigation and abatement programs;
- Health and wellness programs and services across the state;
- Promotion and perpetuation of arts and culture, including funding for 'Iolani Palace and Bishop Museum;
- Pay differentials and loan forgiveness for hard-to-recruit-and -retain state positions and in-demand industries such as education and healthcare workers;
- IT system modernizations for numerous state departments to replace outdated systems and aging equipment and infrastructure;
- Increased agriculture biosecurity and funding for agricultural development;
- The state match for broadband implementation;
- Additional funds for increased electricity and security costs for various state departments;
- Funding for K-12 career technical education, distance learning, special education, after-school care, summer learning, digital literacy, mental and behavioral health supports;
- Land conservation, acquisition, watershed, and ecosystems protection and restoration;
- Funding for KIRC and the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority;
- Positions, funds, and safety equipment for the newly established Department of Law Enforcement;
- Funding to support new housing units for various community correctional centers across the state, 24-hour health care at correctional facilities on the neighbor islands and O'ahu, and expansion of the community work furlough program from O'ahu to statewide;
- Also including routine maintenance and repairs for the Department of Transportation airports, harbors, and highways, and traffic control on O'ahu;
- And the restoration of University of Hawai'i funds reduced during the COVID, UH Mānoa and Hilo athletics, Promise Program funding for community colleges, and non-credit workforce development and early college programs.

“In conclusion, I'd like to thank the House Finance chair, Kyle Yamashita, and Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa and, from the Senate, yourself, Mr. President, and the vice chair of Ways and Means and his team for putting together the CIP budget. I'd also like to thank the subject-matter chairs and the members of Ways and Means and the Finance committees. And, lastly, thank you to the Ways and Means budget staff for their commitment, diligence, and extended hours they put in to help shape the conference draft: committee clerk Chung Chang; budget chief Stacy Ferreira; budget analysts Colin, Parker, Shirley, and Alex; advisors Kathy and Ford; legislative assistants David and Makoia; and our office manager, Dot. Also assisting our budget team from the bills section is bills chief Duncan Osorio;

researchers Cody, Malcolm, and Nathaniel; and legislative aides Mary and Carey. Thank you.”

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“I echo the words of the Ways and Means chair. What’s reflected in the budget is the priorities of this body but also, I think, for the communities that we represent. I’d like to thank the Ways and Means chair for all the coordination that he provided to make sure that we could find the funding for your priorities and the priorities that you identified from your communities. I also would like to express my thanks to my counterpart in the House, Representative Scott Nishimoto, who did a yeoman’s job in his first year as their CIP negotiator. I think that we come out with a product I believe that all of us can bring back to our communities to tell them that we were listening to what they said they needed. Finally, I would like to thank the Ways and Means staff for all the help that they provided to us, and especially to my own staff, especially Robert Nishimoto, who was our CIP specialist, and Danielle Evangelista, who, in the negotiations, worked with us in working not just on the CIP itself but also on the grants-in-aid, making sure that we reviewed all the grant-in-aid applications very carefully. I know that on the CIP side, there were at least 117 applications asking for approximately \$124 million when we had about \$20 million to distribute. With that, Mr. President, I also would have some written remarks I would like to enter into the Journal.”

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran’s additional remarks read as follows:

“Thank you Mr. President. I want to highlight a number of key provisions in H.B. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 which will have long term implications for our communities. If budgets reflect what we value as a legislature and as a community, this State Budget is easily a banner year for public health care in terms of public works projects. Along with needed improvements for Hilo Medical Center (\$50M) and Kona Community Hospital (\$18.547M), and Kauai Veterans Memorial (\$3M), Wilcox Medical Center and Samuel Mahelona Memorial (\$20.2M) on Kauai, and Kahuku Medical Center (\$6M), this budget also includes \$39.7M for Maui Health Systems for capital improvement projects over the two years and a \$22M operating subsidy. These investments will have long-term consequences for better health care outcomes, especially in our rural communities and neighbor islands. The State Budget also allocates \$30M in FY24 and FY25 towards increased reimbursements for medical service providers for Medicaid patients, a number of bills sent to the Governor for his consideration will complement the budget provisions I’ve mentioned today.

“Housing for local working families is also supported strongly in this budget. We add financial support for our public housing agencies, and invest \$280million to the rental housing trust fund and providing \$50million into the dwelling unit revolving fund.

“I also would commend the Ways and Means chair for including approximately \$100million for infrastructure along the Honolulu rail line and to support other government lands in the Kalaheo, Kapolei and West Oahu region which, if implemented by the State agencies hold those lands or managing those properties, can accelerate the development of those parcels for additional housing and expanded business opportunities. I hope that all agencies provided general fund appropriations for these strategic interment projects will do their best to meet the challenge in implementing them or encumbering the funds before the lapsing dates on these financial resources.

“I urge my colleagues to support this State Budget.”

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

“I’d just like to point out that although key Senate bills—behavioral health bills—did not pass, it did make it into the budget. For that, I thank the Ways and Means committee and the Ways and Means chair. And I just want to point out, over \$73 million specifically for crisis intervention, behavioral health services was in the budget, and we intend to hold Department of Health accountable for their use. Thank you.”

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

“I’ve been here only about five years, and every year I’ve been here, I’m very impressed with the WAM chair and vice chair, Senator Dela Cruz and Senator Keith-Agaran—their leadership and how they balance and move the budget with CIPs and grants, and especially trying to balance the budget when we’re having a WAM hearing is always difficult, and everybody always think they’re on the hot seat. But one thing that I know about the WAM chair since I’ve been here: He’s always been consistent, and every question that he asks, the passion that he asks it, and he teaches us, and we get to learn how to go with the process. Sometimes it’s not easy with the directors and the different divisions that come before us, but at the end of the day, he just wants the best for our communities and our state of Hawai’i. I want to thank you, Senate President Kouchi, and Senate Vice President Michelle Kidani for your guys’ leadership and always encouraging us to do the best we can in this building. But again, my hat goes off to WAM chair and vice chair and their staff because what they do—I mean, I don’t know how they do it every year. This year was the most difficult year that I have been a part of the process and a process that was not very easy, but it was accomplished, and I just thank them very much on the sleepless nights and the overnights that they had to be here to do good for all of us in this chamber and in the state of Hawai’i. Thank you. Thank you, Senate President.”

The Chair stated:

“I’d briefly say, with the exchange of text messages, the WAM staff was here till 1:40 Saturday morning, working through the midnight deadline on Friday to get the budget details put together, and returned by 9:00 a.m. to hand-deliver it to House Finance, so to the WAM chair, vice chair, and the staff who put in incredible hours and produced a really fantastic document, I want to extend my personal thanks as well.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 was adopted and H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Dela Cruz acknowledged staff of the Committee on Ways and Means who were seated in the gallery. Senator Dela Cruz then recognized staff of the vice chair of the Committee on Ways and Means who were present in the gallery.

#### ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2018 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 622, 623, 642, and 645):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2018 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Contractors License Board of the following:

PAUL ALEJADO, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 622);

ERIC HIGASHIHARA, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 623);

RANDALL LAU, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 642); and

DARYL SUEHIRO, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 645),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2019 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 592 and 625):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2019 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Psychology of the following:

JEFFREY STERN, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 592); and

JILL OLIVEIRA CABBAB, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 625),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2020 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 548, 549, 613, and 615):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2020 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Dentistry of the following:

JONATHAN LAU, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 548);

CRAIG YAMAMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 549);

ANDREW TSEU, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 613); and

JOYCE YAMADA, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 615),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2021 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 589, 590, 610, 611, and 661):

Senator McKelvey moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2021 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator McKelvey then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Procurement Policy Board of the following:

LANCE INOUE, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 589);

RICHARD HELTZEL, term to expire June 30, 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 590);

DIANE NAKAGAWA, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 610);

LISA MARUYAMA, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 611); and

LANCE INOUE, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 661),

seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 588):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2022 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WALLACE KOJIMA to the Board of Optometry, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 626):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2023 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JONATHAN MONTALBO to the Pest Control Board, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 616):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2024 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DERRICK YAMANE to the Real Estate Commission, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 627):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2025 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HOWARD LAU to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, term to expire June 30, 2026, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 513):

Senator Moriwaki moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2026 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Moriwaki then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BRENNA HASHIMOTO as Director of the Department of Human Resources Development, term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Lee.

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

“Your Committee on Labor and Technology reviewed Brenna Hashimoto’s background and her past and current performance, and find that she’s eminently qualified to lead the Department of Human Resources Development and the state government in meeting our human resources challenges.

“Ms. Hashimoto served over 30 years in state government, specializing in nearly every aspect of human resources: 11 years in the Department of Health, 13 years at the University of Hawai‘i, and, more recently, 7 years in the Human Services Department, managing recruitment, classification, employee benefits, training, records management, labor relations, and civil rights compliance. She also served in the employer’s bargaining unit 9 and 10 negotiating teams and chaired the state’s Human Resources Council.

“Since her appointment in December, Brenna has provided a vision for the Department: modernization, efficiencies, and accountability. Knowing that filling the state’s over-4,000 vacancies is the biggest challenge, she has already begun working with her managers on modernization initiatives. She is creating teams to assist departments in filling the most-needed vacant positions. She also began training managers and employees on the new telework policy that we want to emphasize for our employees as incentives. And she already began working on conducting a job fair, which we already saw, to encourage recruitment and has engage department human resource officers of each of the departments to regularly meet to share information and plans.

“Appearing before our committee, she demonstrated her grasp of personnel laws and policies as she provided accurate and detailed responses to our questions. Those who work directly with Brenna spoke of her extensive knowledge and distinguished track record of providing creative and practical solutions to human resources issues. Others spoke of her proactive leadership and interpersonal skills. The department senior management team said this: ‘From the moment she started on December 5, Brenna’s transition was seamless thanks to her familiarity with many of the department’s programs and functions. Many of us have also worked with Brenna over the years, and we know she is dedicated, hard-working, and

responsive, and her approach to human resources matters is inspired by her creativity and innovation.’

“I believe Brenna Hashimoto is the best person to lead the state in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest employees to serve Hawai‘i. I urge my colleagues to advise and consent to Brenna Hashimoto as the director of the Department of Human Resources Development.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Moriwaki introduced Director Brenna Hashimoto, who was present in the gallery with her husband, John; Department of Human Resources Development deputy director Ryan Yamane; and staff.

The Chair stated:

“And for Chair Rhoads, who’s going to do the next one, after we take up that advise and consent, we have a few resolutions we’ll quickly dispense with, and then recess to greet our honored guests.”

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 675):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2027 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIMBERLY TSUMOTO GUIDRY as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“The appointment of Kimberly Guidry provides the Senate with a unique opportunity. First, we have the option to confirm to the Intermediate Court of Appeals an appellate specialist with 20 years of state court experience working for the state’s largest law firm, the Department of the Attorney General. Second, her confirmation will fulfill the goal of the Legislature in passing Act 90 last session to expand the Intermediate Court of Appeals to a total of seven judges comprised of six associate judges and one chief judge.

“Ms. Guidry is a proud product of Hawai‘i’s public education system, having graduated from Kalani High School with honors, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa undergraduate history program with highest honors, and the William S. Richardson School of Law. She has been licensed to practice law in the state since 2002 and has worked exclusively at the Department of the Attorney General.

“Ms. Guidry currently serves as solicitor general and supervising deputy attorney of the Appellate Division, where she oversees most state and federal appeals and appears and argues in civil and criminal cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, and the Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals. Her work at the Department has been recognized individually and as a member of a team, including the 2021 Attorney General’s Team of the Year Award and the 2015 Department of the Attorney General Employee of the Year Award.

“Ms. Guidry also serves on the Department of the Attorney General’s Appeal and Opinions Review Committee and the Judiciary’s Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedures Standing Committee, and is a bar examiner for the Hawai‘i State Board of Bar Examiners.

“After having reviewed the testimony, which was overwhelmingly in support of her confirmation, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Kimberly Tsumoto Guidry is qualified to serve as an associate judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The Chair stated:

“Senator Rhoads, I have a quick question for you if you’d remain standing. I know from everything you read, she was selected, and your recommendation is solely based on her qualifications, but if you could enlighten the gallery, she is, gender-wise, significant in her confirmation today as well.”

Senator Rhoads stated:

“Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to bring that up later, but I’m happy to do it now. I would like to share the following update about the composition of our state court: I announced after the recent confirmation of Maui Circuit Court Judge Michelle Drewyer that the overall composition of our state court judges and justices was equally split between males and females and that the confirmation of Ms. Guidry to the ICA would reach a milestone with a greater number of female judges and justices in Hawai’i’s courts. I’m sorry, Ms. Guidry; it slipped my mind that Justice Nakayama was about to retire, so with Judge Guidry’s confirmation today, we are back to a 50–50 split, but this does keep Hawai’i as one of the leaders in judicial gender equality in the United States and, really, all around the world. Mahalo.”

The Chair thanked Senator Rhoads, then acknowledged that he had been right: It would have been nice to confirm Ms. Guidry first.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Kimberly Tsumoto Guidry, who was present in the gallery with her husband, Michael, and their children Del and Tess; her parents, Stan and Ruth Tsumoto, and her sister Courtney Tsumoto; her colleagues from the Department of the Attorney General; Rod Maile, administrator of the courts; Attorney General Anne Lopez; and Jessica Faige, Dave Nagaji, Sky Chun-Matsukawa, and Audrey Stalcup, members of Senator Rhoads’s staff.

#### ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

##### MATTER DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2028 (S.R. No. 138, S.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2028 and S.R. No. 138, S.D. 1 be adopted, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

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

“Pu’uloa Gun Range has been in my community for over a hundred years. During the live fire training hundred years ago, ‘Ewa Beach was a plantation area and not as densely populated community like it is now. I have received numerous and numerous complaints of noise pollution and the risk of being hit accidentally, strays of bullets. The environment study shows that lead contamination more than 70 times the legal limit. Although I support the training of military to protect us, but I cannot support when it jeopardize the quality of life and harming my community that they cannot rest and they cannot have peace of mind and not worrying about getting hurt. There are other locations sustainable in this state for training, such as

Kāne’ohe Marine Base. Pu’uloa Range has outlived its place in its growing community like ‘Ewa Beach. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to urge the relocation of the live fire and aviation away from my community. Mahalo, and God bless.”

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

“In the spirit of bipartisan and cross-island support, I’d like to stand in support of the reso and adopt the words of the previous speaker as if they were my own. Thank you.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 138, S.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO RELOCATE ALL LIVE FIRE TRAINING AND AVIATION ACTIVITY AWAY FROM PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY,” was adopted.

#### FINAL ADOPTION

S.C.R. No. 17, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 17, S.D. 1 and S.C.R. No. 17, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHARMACISTS,” was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 18, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 18, S.D. 1 and S.C.R. No. 18, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES,” was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 55, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 55 and S.C.R. No. 55, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO AMEND TITLE IV-A OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO ALLOW UNSPENT TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES FUNDS TO BE USED BY STATES TO BUILD TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING,” was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 92 and S.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE AND CONTROL THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE POPULATION OF FERAL CHICKENS AND ROOSTERS ACROSS THE ISLAND OF O’AHU,” was Finally Adopted.



At 11:47 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

### FINAL READING

#### MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 (H.B. No. 660, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 was adopted and H.B. No. 660, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.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 Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 (H.B. No. 992, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 was adopted and H.B. No. 992, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 (H.B. No. 1000, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriawaki, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 was adopted and H.B. No. 1000, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 (H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriawaki, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 was adopted and H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 (H.B. No. 1004, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriawaki, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 was adopted and H.B. No. 1004, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83 (H.B. No. 1006, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriawaki, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83 was adopted and H.B. No. 1006, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 (H.B. No. 1010, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriawaki, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 was adopted and H.B. No. 1010, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 (H.B. No. 278, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 was adopted and H.B. No. 278, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 (H.B. No. 1255, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 was adopted and H.B. No. 1255, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 (H.B. No. 451, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 was adopted and H.B. No. 451, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 (H.B. No. 848, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 was adopted and H.B. No. 848, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MARINE BIOLOGY," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 (H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 was adopted and H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 (H.B. No. 306, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 was adopted and H.B.

No. 306, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118 (H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Shimabukuro, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118 was adopted and H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119 (H.B. No. 1113, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119 was adopted and H.B. No. 1113, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120 (H.B. No. 960, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120 was adopted and H.B. No. 960, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 (S.B. No. 894, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 was adopted and S.B. No. 894, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131 (H.B. No. 948, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131 was adopted and H.B. No. 948, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 (H.B. No. 968, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 was adopted and H.B. No. 968, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 (H.B. No. 68, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 was adopted and H.B. No. 68, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 (H.B. No. 999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 was adopted and H.B. No. 999, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 (H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 was adopted and H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING FACILITIES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 (H.B. No. 953, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 was adopted and H.B. No. 953, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 (H.B. No. 677, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 was adopted and H.B. No. 677, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 (H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 was adopted and H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 (H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 was adopted and H.B. No. 964, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION

OF DOCUMENTS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 (H.B. No. 353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Kim moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 be adopted and H.B. No. 353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Aquino.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran’s remarks read as follows:

“Thank you Mr. President. I rise in support of H.B. No. 353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 which will continue and expand a pilot program to increase the number of licensed practical nurses (LPN) in Hawaii by supporting the workforce glidepath supporting certified nurse aides (CNAs) in their journey to become LPNs. There is a great need for more LPNs in the state—the 2022 Healthcare Workforce report noted a statewide demand for 211 additional LPNs. Unfortunately, there were not enough opportunities to educate and train for this particular type of clinicians. The Health Care Association of Hawaii (HAH), partnering with Ohana Pacific Health/Hale Makua and UH Maui College, created an innovative, first of its kind CNA to LPN Glidepath pilot program. This program enabled an ‘earn and learn’ glidepath model that delivers online didactic curriculum and hands-on clinical education at a student’s place of work. The program is one year long, and CNAs can double their salary if they successfully complete the program.

“This pilot program was launched in January 2023, and serves students through UH Maui College on Maui, Oahu, and Kauai who are employed by Ohana Pacific Health and Kaiser Permanente. There was a huge demand for participation in the program, which ultimately included 40 students. This funding will enable the program to continue and, hopefully, expand to all islands and include more students to meet the demonstrated interest in this expanded opportunity. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this measure.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 was adopted and H.B. No. 353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE EDUCATION,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 (S.B. No. 588, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 was adopted and S.B. No. 588, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCESSIVE NOISE,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 2 (Fevella, Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 (S.B. No. 814, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 was adopted and S.B. No. 814, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 (H.B. No. 1382, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 was adopted and H.B. No. 1382, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT DONATION,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 (H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 be adopted and H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Gabbard rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Gabbard’s remarks read as follows:

“Senator Mike Gabbard’s Journal Remarks on HB1359 HD2 SD2 CD1

“(Relating to Hemp) – June 12, 2023

“I’m hempy to report that 5 of the 13 bills we introduced to propel our hemp industry in Hawai’i forward made it to the Senate chamber floor. (SB516, SB655, SB637, SB973, HB1359.) Hemp, Hemp Hooray.

“Colleagues, in 2016 the hemp industry was worth \$400M, with projections to grow to \$1.5B by 2020. Talk about an opportunity to boost our economy! (via growing and selling hemp products with the Hawaiian branding.) Check out my hemp aloha shirt...just one of over 50K uses for this amazing plant.

“I’ve talked about the Hawai’i hemp history numerous times over the years, so I won’t belabor the point. But it was Dec.14, 1999 when Governor Cayetano proclaimed it Industrial Hemp Day in Hawai’i, since we were the first state to plant hemp since WWII. Then, government fell asleep, as it tends to do sometimes. Fifteen years later, in 2014, I introduced a hemp bill that passed into law. Additional bills were passed in the years following and I was thinking we’re on our way!

“Then the pandemic hit, causing a complete standstill in 2020... with many unhemp hemp farmers....

“Enter 2023 and wow! Things started moving again. While five bills actually made it to the Senate floor for final reading; unfortunately, I just got word that they were recommitted by the House at the last minute....

“However, fortunately, one survived: HB1359.

“HB1359 implements a much-needed hemp task force under the purview of DOA, to assess the viability of hemp farming and production statewide. It also reduces buffer zones (the area that limits where hemp can be grown) from 500 to 300 feet for playgrounds, daycares and schools, and 100 feet for residential areas. This allows for more farmland for growing, increases harvest size, and improves the livelihood of hemp farmers, (and theirs’ is no easy job!)

“HB1359 also repeals duplicate regulations, requires transparency in labeling, provides funds for the Department of Agriculture to hire a hemp consultant; moneys for the Department of Health to hire or consult a toxicologist; and extends the State’s hemp processor law through 7/1/2027. This

is a comprehensive bill that would be good to pass. Mahalo to all who helped provide input. Please join me in voting 'yes' on this important bill. Mahalo.”

Senator DeCoite rose to request that remarks in support of the measure with reservations be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator DeCoite's remarks read as follows:

“I am voting with reservations on this bill because we needed more time to review the many changes that were made to the bill however, I recognized the importance this bill had to the hemp industry. I also look forward to the work that will be done by the Hemp Task Force that will be established with the passage of this bill. It will gather information to help us to better understand the needs of the hemp industry. Hemp regulation is a work in progress and one that we will continue to address in the next legislative session.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 was adopted and H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, McKelvey). Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 (S.B. No. 1076, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 be adopted and S.B. No. 1076, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Lee.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran's remarks read as follows:

“Thank you Mr. President. I rise in support of S.B. No. 1076, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, which supports improving information for Hawaii's voters. This measure requires the Office of Elections to prepare a digital voter information guide and to post the guide on its website in compliance with certain accessibility standards; and include a notice with each mailed ballot that states a voter information guide may be found on its website. It also requires the Attorney General and county corporation counsels to draft explanations of proposed constitutional or charter amendment ballot questions and translate them into certain languages for purposes of the digital voter information guide.

“This small bill makes it more likely that we will have the informed electorate so important for our democracy. I urge my colleagues to support his measure.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 was adopted and S.B. No. 1076, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 (S.B. No. 1163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 be adopted and S.B. No. 1163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran's remarks read as follows:

“Thank you Mr. President. I rise in support S.B. No. 1163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, reinstate state a funds for the operational expenses of the Hawai'i wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

“The CAP is a key partner in state emergency management. Their personnel regularly serve in the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) Emergency Operations Center during emergency and disaster incident responses. They assist in the field with everything from spreading warnings in remote areas before an incident, providing pre-assessment aerial reconnaissance, to assessing the damages and impacts afterward.

“HI-EMA testified that CAP recently provided vital support and assistance during the Mauna Loa eruption on the Big Island, providing overflights that allowed for aerial photography to monitor the status of the lava flows and document damage to support a request for a federal disaster declaration.

“I urge my colleagues to support this funding for this key cog in our state emergency response system.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 was adopted and S.B. No. 1163, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 (S.B. No. 1527, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 was adopted and S.B. No. 1527, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163 (S.B. No. 821, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163 was adopted and S.B. No. 821, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 (S.B. No. 941, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 was adopted and S.B. No. 941, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 (S.B. No. 1586, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 was adopted and S.B.

No. 1586, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

#### FINAL READING

H.B. No. 1366, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 1366, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Kim).

H.B. No. 870, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 870, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2:

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS," was recommitted to the Committee on Conference.

H.B. No. 600, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, H.B. No. 600, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 554, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, H.B. No. 554, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 945, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, S.B. No. 945, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE DIGITAL CURRENCY LICENSURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, McKelvey).

H.B. No. 933, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, H.B. No. 933, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 1268, S.D. 1, H.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1268, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1268, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 (S.B. No. 295, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 was adopted and S.B. No. 295, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 (S.B. No. 1592, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 was adopted and S.B. No. 1592, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 (S.B. No. 67, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 was adopted and S.B. No. 67, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON BEACHES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 (S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 was adopted and S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSES TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 (S.B. No. 404, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 was adopted and S.B. No. 404, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 (S.B. No. 1534, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 was adopted and S.B.

No. 1534, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 (S.B. No. 900, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 was adopted and S.B. No. 900, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 (S.B. No. 674, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 be adopted and S.B. No. 674, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran's remarks read as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of S.B. No. 674, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, which authorizes our Governor, himself a medical doctor, to enter into a compact with other states who have adopted the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact). The Compact system creates a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states, thereby enhancing the portability of a medical license and ensuring the safety of patients.

"Many who have been concerned about recruitment of quality physicians into our State have been active supporters of the Compact, including local hospitals and doctors, health plans and management organizations, and our local medical board. They support the Compact as it will increase access to quality health care – particularly for patients in underserved or rural areas. The Compact will increase the ability for physicians to practice across participating jurisdictions, but also ensure that our local medical Board is still able to meet its legal responsibility to issue licenses to qualified, safe, and competent physicians only.

"I urge my colleagues to support his measure."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 was adopted and S.B. No. 674, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 (S.B. No. 865, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Chang moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 be adopted and S.B. No. 865, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Inouye.

Senator Chang rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Chang's remarks read as follows:

"I rise in strong support for SB865, which establishes a ninety-nine year leasehold program to make low-cost leasehold condominium units available for Hawaii residents.

"Hawaii's severe housing shortage is our most urgent public policy priority. Because the market has been undersupplied for decades, housing prices are out of reach for all but the very wealthy. As a result, we have now experienced seven straight years of population decline. There are more Hawaii-born college graduates residing outside Hawaii than in Hawaii, and more Native Hawaiians living outside Hawaii than in Hawaii. My father, an immigrant from China who came to the U.S. with nothing, was able to buy a house with one state salary as a UH professor in 1983. Today, for me to buy that same house would take over 40 years of my entire salary.

"I have been fighting for this bill since 2018 because I believe that one job should be enough. Every Hawaii resident should be able to buy a home, raise a family, and retire comfortably, all with one job. That's the social compact that generations of local people have had, and which young people today deserve.

"The housing model in this bill is based on Singapore's successful housing system and is often referred to as social housing. Two features of this model are revolutionary for government-built housing in this country: income blindness and revenue neutrality. Income blindness means people across the socioeconomic spectrum will live side by side, instead of in concentrated poverty. With revenue neutrality, the program need not be heavily subsidized by taxpayers, ensuring that it is scalable regardless of the state's ability or willingness to pay for more. This is housing for all, like public school for housing: a low cost, mass option that will enable most people to achieve home ownership, the American dream. It's essentially the method that Singapore and Vienna use to house 82 and 60 percent of their populations, respectively, in attractive, desirable, well maintained public housing.

"This bill will create a pilot project on one site in urban Honolulu to test the viability of this model. If it is successful, as I believe it will be, that will create the momentum for many more projects on state lands along the rail line, eventually creating the critical mass of inexpensive housing that will house our state's future population growth.

"I am truly grateful for the many people who have contributed to this bill's passage. In particular, I want to thank my counterpart in the House, the House Housing Chair, for his hard work in shepherding this measure through his chamber, the Ways and Means Chair for delivering the funding in this bill, and you, Mr. President, for reviving this measure from the dead on no less than three separate occasions this session alone.

"Mr. President, I believe we will look back to today as a historic day. It is the day that the State finally took action to ensure that every single one of our residents has the opportunity to thrive and prosper in this unique place we call home."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 was adopted and S.B. No. 865, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 (S.B. No. 1064, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 be adopted and S.B. No. 1064, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“This is a good bill. I would like to insert some written remarks in support of it.”

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Keith-Agaran’s additional remarks read as follows:

“Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of S.B. No. 1064, S.D.2, H.D.2, C.D.1, which establishes a long-needed Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program. This measure will provide the owners of private dams and appurtenances with funds for plans, design, construction, and equipment to improve or remove deficient dams and appurtenances.

“Many privately owned dams and appurtenances – often constructed during the plantation era – have not been properly maintained and may be hazardous to public health and safety. Many may now be owned by families or communities that lack the resources that the old plantations and agribusinesses had to repair and maintain these old reservoirs, and certainly little funding to bring these earthen dams into compliance with modern safety standards. With the costs to improve or remove these deficient dams and appurtenances often prohibitive, a grant program to provide funding for these costs could provide a viable solution for both owners and the public.

“I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this good bill.”

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

“I’d like to thank the author of the measure.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 was adopted and S.B. No. 1064, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DAM AND APPURTENANCE SAFETY,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182 (S.B. No. 813, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182 was adopted and S.B. No. 813, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT INTERPRETERS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 (S.B. No. 898, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 was adopted and S.B. No. 898, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 (S.B. No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 was adopted and S.B. No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 (S.B. No. 830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 was adopted and S.B. No. 830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 (S.B. No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 was adopted and S.B. No. 1417, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 (S.B. No. 1588, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 was adopted and S.B. No. 1588, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 (S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 was adopted and S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 (S.B. No. 743, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 was adopted and S.B. No. 743, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 (H.B. No. 33, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 was adopted and H.B. No. 33, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 (H.B. No. 28, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 was adopted and H.B. No. 28, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS,” passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (Elefante). Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 (H.B. No. 1018, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 was adopted and H.B. No. 1018, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 (H.B. No. 1020, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keith-Agaran, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 was adopted and H.B. No. 1020, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195 (H.B. No. 1022, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195 was adopted and H.B. No. 1022, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 (S.B. No. 975, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 be adopted and S.B. No. 975, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

"This is an important bill in our battle against vaping and e-cigarette use and will eventually save us many lives because of the people it will divert from using tobacco. It's too bad that former senator Baker isn't here today to see this. I believe that she introduced this bill eight years in a row, and she retired last year, of course, and this is the ninth year and it's passed, so this one's for you, Roz! Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 was adopted and S.B. No. 975, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 (S.B. No. 239, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 was adopted and S.B. No. 239, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING ACCREDITATION," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 (S.B. No. 833, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 was adopted and S.B. No. 833, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO THE WAHIAWA IRRIGATION SYSTEM," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 (S.B. No. 318, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 be adopted and S.B. No. 318, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

"I'd just like to point out, most people do not quite understand about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. This pilot program will show that a number of childhood diseases, a number of the mental health illnesses of our children will be traced back to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, so this is a huge step toward treating mental illness. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 was adopted and S.B. No. 318, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 (S.B. No. 435, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 was adopted and S.B. No. 435, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 (S.B. No. 1277, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 be adopted and S.B. No. 1277, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Inouye.

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to seek a ruling on a potential conflict of interest as follows:

"One of the claimants is represented by my law firm."

The Chair ruled that, since there was a potential direct financial gain to the law firm Senator Keith-Agaran works at, there was a conflict. The Chair ordered that Senator Keith-Agaran be excused from voting on the measure.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 was adopted and S.B. No. 1277, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (McKelvey). Excused, 1 (Keith-Agaran).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 (H.B. No. 382, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 was adopted and H.B. No. 382, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 222 and 223) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 222 “SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2023, SUBSEQUENT TO THE ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.”

Offered by: Senator Kanuha.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite, S.R. No. 222 was adopted.

S.R. No. 223 “SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE.”

Offered by: Senator Kanuha.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite, S.R. No. 223 was adopted.

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Last year, I spoke about how well we did in passing laws to protect our children, and I just want our colleagues to realize how much we have done to end this session with. I mean, we have realized, and despite the veto of the governor, we have passed a Mālama ‘Ohana working group, we increased the pay differential of our social workers, we fulfilled our promises of last session to protect our children, and we continue to do more. In the health committee, we passed landmark Senate bills: S.B. 1, reproductive rights; S.B. 975, taxation of vape products (hopefully we can end the kind of vaping that our children are being exposed to); and even the last-minute S.B. 674, physician interstate compact (because, believe me, Queen’s, Kaiser, the military—all of these people who are having trouble filling physician vacancies in states have told me that this innocuous bill is a game changer). And I want to thank our money committees for putting over \$100 million in our behavioral health.

“But I want my colleagues to understand that we have a lot more to do because yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the 2018 lava flow disaster that did not officially end until seven months later. Over 700 homes were destroyed, but in reality, over 1,839 structures were severely damaged, including the Jaggar Museum at the precipice of the Kilauea Caldera. I remember how hopeless and helpless I felt when my community looked to me for answers that I did not have. How was I supposed to stop the turtles from being boiled alive? There were many of them. We didn’t understand that. And how the passage of the-then landmark ‘ohana zones bill that we had previously passed at Sine Die in 2018 was going to be the lifeline I was hoping for, but the governor held it up. And Pohoiki, which is still not available, is still not available to our fishing industry. Thankfully, the ‘ohana zones bill is being realized to its potential.

“The lessons learned was that if we give the tools to the community, the community will pull together. Grants from the Hawai‘i Community Foundation, United Way, and others helped build the first kauhale, really—the first tiny homes—out of necessity because the ‘ohana zones bill was not signed by the governor. That is why the GIAs and the fundings we received to our nonprofits cannot be overlooked because, at times of disaster when there is no session, they come through for us. When the community did not get answers fast enough from officials, the community held Internet sessions abuzz with the Hawaii Tracker. They told us where it was dangerous; they told

us where the evacuations were. And it is this kind of community getting together—the nonprofits, the volunteers—that provided temporary shelter, food, and guidance that I am so most grateful for. And to all those who donated and helped in 2018: You are not forgotten. Mahalo.”

Senator Inouye rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I’d like to share with you and congratulate Waiākea High School students Taylor Aburamen, Paul Brillhante, Madison Manguso, Gavin Nishida, Jaelee Picar-Cabal, Maya Polloi, and Alexander Tuson and their AP environmental sciences teacher, Whitney Aragaki. They were selected from a pool of 300 state finalists as the Hawai‘i state winners of the 2023 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow STEM competition. As the Hawai‘i state winner, Waiākea High School was awarded a prize package worth \$12,000 in Samsung technology and supplies. Understanding that coral bleaching of the reefs surrounding the Hawaiian islands is caused, in part, by sunscreen, this team of students is developing an environmentally friendly sunscreen that can be produced locally with natural ingredients that will also reduce pollution. At least the Senate congratulates Waiākea High School for their accomplishments and their success in using STEM education to improve the future of our Hawai‘i communities. Mahalo.”

Senator Awa rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“The rivalry between Kahuku Red Raiders and Farrington Governors has been going on forever, so I wasn’t surprised this session when myself and the senator from Kalihi got into a disagreement over one of the bills. We’re never going to agree about chickens, but one thing we do agree on . . . Real quick, if you can bear with me, for the biggest fan in the State Senate, Iam Tongi is in the top eight, and he shot this message [*holds up tablet playing a video in which Iam Tongi says, ‘Aloha, this Iam Tongi. I want to dedicate this song to Donna Kim in the Hawai‘i Senate.’*]. I’ll let it run for a minute [*continues to display tablet with video of Iam Tongi performing the song ‘Waimanalo Blues’*]. So he shot that for us, and then today I got a call from *American Idol*’s producers. If he makes it to the top three (we’ll know on Sunday, the 14th)—if he makes it top three, and all you guys should vote, they’re going to fly back over here, we’re going to hold a concert on the 16th and a parade in Kahuku. Trying to find a venue; I’ll let you guys all know the details—we’ll send it out. But we really hope he gets to the top three because he’s been representing, as you know, Senator Kim, not just Kahuku, but the state of Hawai‘i. Aloha.”

The Chair noted that, with Senator McKelvey’s and now Senator Awa’s remarks, bipartisanship was springing up all over the place that day.

Senator Kidani rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Colleagues, today it is my pleasure to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated many years serving our Senate, his community, and the people of Hawai‘i: Jacob Aki.

“Jacob has been an exceptional leader and contributor to the Hawai‘i State Senate. He has been committed to uplifting our culture, his community, and his commitment is evident in his educational background and professional career. He is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds a BA in Hawaiian studies from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He also received an MA in political management from George Washington University, where he honed his leadership skills.

“Jacob joined our Hawai‘i State Legislature as a legislative staffer in 2016 and has been an integral part of the Senate ever

since. He has served as the Communications director for the Hawai'i State Senate, demonstrating tremendous leadership and communication prowess, particularly throughout the challenges of the pandemic. Under his direction, the Communications team established impactful digital media efforts to elevate the public platforms of the Hawai'i State Senate as well as our senators. Jacob has been a key figure in communicating legislative initiatives and policy issues, and his work has been vital to the success of the Senate.

"In addition to his work at the Legislature, Jacob has also been an active leader in the Native Hawaiian community, holding various positions in organizations and on boards dedicated to perpetuating Hawaiian culture and supporting the Hawaiian community. He is a former member of the Kalihi-Pālana Neighborhood Board and former director of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association for the O'ahu region. Jacob is a board member of 'Ahahui 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, a member of Pā Ku'i a Lua, and a member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i. He also serves as president of Ke One o Kākuhihewa—the O'ahu Council (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs) and holds the position of ikū ha'i (president) for Hālau 'O Wahīka'ahu'ula, a benevolent royal society founded by King David Kalākaua.

"On behalf of the Senate, I extend my sincere mahalo to Jacob Aki for his profound commitment to community, his exemplary contributions to the Hawai'i State Senate, and his dedication to perpetuating Hawaiian culture and supporting the Hawaiian community. We are proud to honor and recognize Jacob for his outstanding leadership and contributions to our great state, and we wish him great success in his future endeavors. Mahalo."

Senator Kidani then presented a lei and certificate to Senate Communications Director Jacob Aki.

The President then addressed the members of the Senate as follows:

"It was a year ago that I stood here and said, for the first time ever, we were able to accomplish everything I talked about on Opening Day and then some. This year, I indicated that we would be welcoming six new members to our chamber, we would be losing 90 years of legislative experience through retirements, we would be working with a new governor and 18 new members of the House and many new chairs, and that finding our way through these relationships would provide its own challenges, like any new relationship that you undertake. With the governor, we took our advise and consent role seriously, and when we found nominees that we thought could not stand up to the standard we set, we indicated that by voting 'no,' and there were three of those instances. But everyone was given more than one opportunity to appear before the respective committees and to show that they would eventually have the ability to succeed. Several who had tough starts were able to utilize the opportunity to get better, work on their communication and their relationship with the committee chairs, and ultimately won confirmation to the jobs that they now are fulfilling. And so, to the members: I commend you for taking the job seriously, not worrying about what public opinion or the press was saying about what was happening but continue to go about doing your job.

"As we've gone through conference, there are certain bills that I wish maybe had passed, but with the new people on both sides, we could not come to an agreement. And, you know, I look at it as a first step in building a better relationship, having a better understanding so that we can come back and be more successful next year.

"But when I look at what we passed, wow. Senator San Buenaventura has mentioned S.B. 1. There was much made

during the interim that the *Obrero* decision was going to result in a crime wave upon our community. Fortunately, that did not happen, but we also said we'd come back and put a fix to it right away, which, with the leadership of Senator Rhoads, we did. And with the surplus we had, Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Agaran, the members of Ways and Means, and the staff did a tremendous job. And people somehow wanted to create division because I guess that sells more media, but when you look at the budget crafted by the Ways and Means chair and the committee that the Senate unanimously approved today, there are so many elements of what the governor talked about in his State of the State that we truly came together to work on the best product for the people of Hawai'i, and we weren't here arguing about personalities, and we weren't getting offended if something didn't work our way earlier. Instead, we found where do we agree, how do we go forward. A key area, and the Speaker and I had been clear from the beginning, is that we were not very excited about overhauling the tax system, which may have required those that we wanted to help to keep detailed records to file to get the money back, but we were looking for mechanisms that would be simpler and that would ensure that the ALICE community that we are trying to help would get the money into their pockets. With what Senator Dela Cruz and the Ways and Means staff have put together, we have met that challenge. The lieutenant governor at the beginning said she was tackling universal pre-K. There has been tremendous progress made in that area, including the exciting announcement of the scholarships to try and make sure that we have the employees to staff the classrooms and the seats that we are building. Tremendous investment in homelessness—Senator San Buenaventura, again, talked about the mental health services, affordable housing, and everything else.

"And I'm the person standing between you and lunch, so, in conclusion, the one thing I didn't talk about on Opening Day that I have talked about in the past was looking forward to the opportunity to be a grandfather. And so I am so thrilled to be before you today to let you know that, within the past week, I am now able to stand before you as Papa Kouchi. We have a new grandson in our family, and when I hit the gavel, I'm excited to return back to Kaua'i and spend some time with my grandson."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Senator Wakai moved that the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried.

At 1:11 p.m., the President rapped his gavel and declared the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, adjourned Sine Die.