

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Thursday, February 29, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:56 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 Twenty-Third Day.

At this time, Senator Ihara welcomed former state senator Laura Acasio, a community and midwifery advocate, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Ihara explained that he had friendships with both Senator Acasio, who had previously represented District 1, and Senator Inouye, who currently represented District 1, and wished them both well. Senator Ihara then noted that his parents were from Hilo, his uncle had been a circuit court judge during the Quinn administration, and that Hilo constituents were fortunate to have both Senators Acasio and Inouye.

Senator Richards recognized cattlemen present in the gallery who were visiting for that day's Cattlemen at the Capitol event. Senator Richards also introduced his aunty Sarah Richards and his sister Pat Richards, who were seated in the gallery. Senator Richards then introduced members of his staff who were present in the gallery: office manager Margarete Olson, legislative aide Reggie Garcia, and session hire Lisa Carter.

Senator DeCoite acknowledged cattlemen from different islands across the state. Joining them in the gallery were Mr. Brian Miyamoto and Mr. Randy Cabral from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Senator DeCoite requested that the names of the visiting cattlemen and their ranches be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

"Jimmy Greenwell, Palani Ranch; Dylon Joaquin, AJ Ranch; Jimmy Gomes, Ulupalakua Ranch; Tim Luton, Maui Cattle Co/Kulolio Ranch; Yangua He, UH; Taylor Kellerman, Kualoa Ranch; Jeri Moniz, KK Ranch; Jason Moniz, KK Ranch; William Jacintho, Naalae Beef Company; Orion Stevens, Ponooho Ranch; Bridget Napier, Maukele Ranch; Melelani Oshiro, UH; Waylon Brun, W Brun Cattle Co; John Morgan, Kualoa Ranch; Christy Gusman, Circle L Ranch; Alexander Redeker, Circle L Ranch; Deedee Bertelmann, Parker Ranch; Whitney Boteilho, Parker Ranch; Neal Asai, Parker Ranch; Jacob Tavares, Parker Ranch; Haia Auwelo, Parker Ranch; Kamalani Kalaukoa, Parker Ranch; Theresa Thompson, Thompson Ranch; Kristin Mack Almasin, Ulupalakua Ranch; Bud Gibson, Rucker G Livestock; Jim Duffy, 4-J Livestock Co; Angel Melone, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Nicole Galase, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Alan Gottlieb, Ponooho Ranch; Charles Stevens, SC Ranch; Lani Petrie, Kapapala Ranch; Bill Petrie, Kapapala Ranch; Dustin Griffith, Griffith Livestock; Tristan Griffith, Griffith Livestock; Suzanne Silva, Grazing 7 Ranch; Pohaku Huddy, Griffith Livestock; Brooke Napier, Griffith Livestock; Darrell Bueno, DB Cattle; Keal Pontin, North Shore Livestock; Lilia Kapuniai, SC Ranch; Mark Thorne, UH; Mark Patterson, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; Albert Ramos, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; Randy Cabral, Farm Bureau; Brendan Balthazar, Diamond B Ranch; San Balthazar, Diamond B Ranch; Dan Olsen, Flying W Ranch; and Raia Olsen, Flying W Ranch."

Senator Inouye introduced Senator Richards's wife, Terri, and two kids, one of whom, A.R., had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Senator

Inouye then welcomed former state senator Bennette Misalucha, who was seated in the gallery.

The Chair expressed his belief that A.R. had invited people to meet A.R.'s steer outside on the Rotunda. The Chair added that when he had used the word "cow" earlier, he had been corrected by the Clerk that it was a steer that had been brought, and he now knew how to speak correctly.

Senator Moriwaki introduced guests who would be participating in a briefing on the future of affordable long-term care that afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Present in the gallery were Nisha Hammel, American Health Care Association's vice president of reimbursement policy and population health; Sean Slone from the Council of State Governments; Wes Lo, CEO of Ohana Pacific, who was interested in looking at a new way of funding long-term care on a sustainable basis; Kathy Wyatt, president of Hale Hau'oli Hawai'i; Caroline Cadirao from the Executive Office on Aging; former state senator Bennette Misalucha with the State Workforce Development Council; Dr. Poki'i Balaz and her mom, Moana Balaz, who had been doing work with dementia and were now helping to develop a new way of funding affordable care; Dr. Jack Lewin, director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency; and Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, who would be speaking that afternoon about how important it was for the Legislature to address long-term care. Joining them was Charles Izumoto, Senator Moriwaki's office manager.

Senator Shimabukuro acknowledged former Honolulu city councilman Todd Apo from the Hawai'i Community Foundation, who was seated in the gallery.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 3 and 628 to 647) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 3, dated February 26, 2024, requesting expeditious consideration of S.B. 582, S.D. 1 – Relating to State Budget, was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 628, informing the Senate that on February 26, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of KRISTIN DAVIDSON as Administrator of the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, under Gov. Msg. No. 540, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 628, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 540 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 629, informing the Senate that on February 26, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of FERN YOSHIDA to the State Council on Mental Health, under Gov. Msg. No. 559, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 629, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 559 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 630, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, the nomination of ASHLEY MARIE CORNELIO, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 631, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, the nomination of DESTINY IRVINE-HALAMA, term to expire

June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 632, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, the nomination of STEVEN CHOW, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 633, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Board of Optometry, the nomination of PETER SEARL, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 634, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, the nomination of JERALD DOLAK, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 635, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, the nomination of TERRENCE ARATANI, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 636, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, the nomination of SHERI SHIELDS-HANSON, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 637, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the nomination of JAME SCHAEDEL, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 638, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of LILLIE CHRISTINE MONTAGUE-HICKS, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 639, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, the nomination of WAYNE HARADA JR., term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 640, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the nomination of ALEXANDRA KELEPOLO, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

Gov. Msg. No. 641, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the nomination of ELIZABETH ROBINSON, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

Gov. Msg. No. 642, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Board, the nomination of WESLEY MUN, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 643, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Board, the nomination of MICHAEL JAFFE, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 644, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dentistry, the nomination of CRAIG YAMAMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2027, was

referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 645, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, the nomination of MELVIN TOKUDA, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 646, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee On Pesticides, the nomination of QING LI, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 647, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Game Management Advisory Commission, the nomination of NICHOLAI BARCA, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 389 to 432) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 389, from the University of Hawai'i, dated January 23, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on Campus Safety and Accountability pursuant to Section 304A-120, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Department of Education, dated January 23, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on Workforce Development pursuant to Section 202-10, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 17, 2024, transmitting the 2020 Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit Report pursuant to Act 143, SLH 2017.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 19, 2024, transmitting the 2023 HHFDC Annual Report pursuant to Sections 201H-21(1) and (3), 201H-95(g), and 201H-202(f), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 24, 2024, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 24, 2024, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the University of Hawai'i, dated January 22, 2024, transmitting the 2023 RCUH Annual Report pursuant to Section 304A-3007, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 24, 2024, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 25, 2024, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 398, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 25, 2024, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Stadium Authority pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 399, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 29, 2024, transmitting the IV&V report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 400, from the Honolulu Police Department, dated January 31, 2024, transmitting the 2023 Annual Report to the Legislature pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 401, from the Kauai Police Department, dated February 1, 2024, transmitting the Annual Disciplinary Report pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 402, from the Kauai Police Department, dated February 1, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on the Possession and Use of Electric Guns pursuant to Section 134-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 403, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 2, 2024, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 404, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 2, 2024, transmitting the DCCA Business Registration Modernization Project Monthly Status Report for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 405, from the Department of Education, dated February 6, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on Six-Year Program and Financial Plan for School Repair and Maintenance pursuant to Section 302A-1312, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 406, from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, dated January 31, 2024, transmitting the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Annual Audit and Report for Fiscal Year 2023 pursuant to Section 323F-22, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 407, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 6, 2024, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project IVV Report for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 408, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 9, 2024, transmitting the DOT-Highways Financial Management System Project Report for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated February 9, 2024, transmitting the Report on the Process and Procedures for the Transfer of Funds to the Works of Art Special Fund pursuant to H.C.R. No. 37, H.D. 1 (2023) and H.R. No. 41 (2023).

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the Department of Education, dated February 9, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on School-Level Minor Repairs and Maintenance Special Fund pursuant to Section 302A-1504.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 17, 2024, transmitting the 2023 BDSF Financial Services Assistance Program report pursuant to Section 201C-5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 412, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated February 15, 2024, transmitting the DBEDT 2023 Annual Report pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999 and Section 201-10, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 413, from the Department of Transportation, dated January 22, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on Bikeway Projects and Expenditures pursuant to Act 222, SLH 1995.

Dept. Com. No. 414, from the Department of Health, dated December 29, 2023, transmitting An Accounting of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Administrative Claiming Fund 2023 report pursuant to Section 333F-23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 415, from the Department of Health, dated December 29, 2023, transmitting the Annual Report on the Status of the Early Intervention Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families 2023 pursuant to Section 641(e)(1)(D) and 34 C.F.R. Section 303.604(c), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Dept. Com. No. 416, from the Department of Health, dated December 29, 2023, transmitting the Benchmarks for Certain Percentages of the Produce Purchased by that Department Is Fresh Local Agricultural Products and Local Value-Added, Processed, Agricultural, or Food Products 2023 report pursuant to Act 176, SLH 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 417, from the Department of Health, dated December 29, 2023, transmitting the Hawai'i State Council on Mental Health's Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Implementation of the State Comprehensive Integrated Service Plan 2023 pursuant to Section 334-10(e), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 418, from the Department of Health, dated December 29, 2023, transmitting the Annual Report on the Receipt and Expenditures from the Trauma System Special Fund 2023 pursuant to Section 321-22.5 (g), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 419, from the Department of Health, dated February 16, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on the Receipt and Expenditures from the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund 2023 pursuant to Section 321-234 (d), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 420, from the Department of Transportation, dated February 16, 2024, transmitting the HDOT Annual Report on Safe Routes to School pursuant to Act 317, SLH 2012.

Dept. Com. No. 421, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project IVV Report for January 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 422, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for July 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 423, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for August 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 424, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for September 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 425, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for October 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 426, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for November 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 427, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 21, 2024, transmitting the DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program Status Report for December 2023 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 428, from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, dated February 22, 2024, transmitting a Report to the Legislature Detailing the Department's Process in Assisting Inmates in Obtaining Identification Cards pursuant to S.R. No. 82, S.D. 1 (2023).

Dept. Com. No. 429, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated January 24, 2024, transmitting the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Annual Report FYE 2023 pursuant to Section 9-3(8), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 430, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 27, 2024, transmitting the IV&V report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for January 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 431, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 28, 2024, transmitting the Financial Audit of the State of Hawai'i Annual Comprehensive Financial Report pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 432, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated February 20, 2024, transmitting the 2024 Small Business Regulatory Review Board Periodic Review and Evaluation Report pursuant to Section 201M-7, HRS.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 6 to 10) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 6, informing the Senate that on February 21, 2024, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2), was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 7, transmitting H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 21, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL," passed First Reading by title and was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 8, transmitting H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 21, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION," passed First Reading by title and was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 9, transmitting H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 21, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," passed First Reading by title and was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 10, transmitting H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 21, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS OF WAGE PAYMENT," passed First Reading by title and was deferred.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. No. 25) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 25, dated January 23, 2024, transmitting the Judiciary's 2023 Annual Report Statistical Supplement pursuant to Section 601-3, HRS.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 14 to 18) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 14 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO MONITOR *THE ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE V. U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION* AND TAKE ACTION TO LIMIT THE CASE FROM FURTHER RESTRICTING ACCESS TO SAFE ABORTION OPTIONS."

Offered by: Senators Kidani, Fukunaga, Inouye, San Buenaventura, Shimabukuro

S.C.R. No. 15 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A HEALTH DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP TO ACCELERATE AND EXPAND THE SHARING OF REAL TIME HEALTH INFORMATION AMONG HEALTH CARE ENTITIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Hashimoto, Kidani, Shimabukuro, Inouye

S.C.R. No. 16 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PROPERTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION TO EXPAND COVERAGE TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Chang, Gabbard, Kanuha, Kidani, Shimabukuro

S.C.R. No. 17 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE STATE'S RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING OWNERS WHO RENT OR LEASE TO QUALIFIED KUPUNA A MORTGAGE PROPERTY WITHIN DESIGNATED LAVA ZONES."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Chang, Gabbard, Kanuha, Kidani, Shimabukuro

S.C.R. No. 18 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE HAWAII RESIDENTS' ENGAGEMENT WITH ADDICTIVE ONLINE ACTIVITIES."

Offered by: Senator Chang

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 7 to 10) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 7 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A HEALTH DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP TO ACCELERATE AND EXPAND THE SHARING OF REAL TIME HEALTH INFORMATION AMONG HEALTH CARE ENTITIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Hashimoto, Kidani, Shimabukuro, Inouye

S.R. No. 8 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PROPERTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION TO EXPAND COVERAGE TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Chang, Gabbard, Kanuha, Kidani, Shimabukuro

S.R. No. 9 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE STATE'S RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING OWNERS WHO RENT OR LEASE TO QUALIFIED KUPUNA A MORTGAGE PROPERTY WITHIN DESIGNATED LAVA ZONES."

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Chang, Gabbard, Kanuha, Kidani, Shimabukuro

S.R. No. 10 "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE HAWAII RESIDENTS' ENGAGEMENT WITH ADDICTIVE ONLINE ACTIVITIES."

Offered by: Senator Chang

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2747) recommending that S.B. No. 2112 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2112, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSTALLMENT LOANS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2748) recommending that S.B. No. 2600 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2600, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2749) recommending that S.B. No. 2404, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2404, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2750) recommending that S.B. No. 2834, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2751) recommending that S.B. No. 2126, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2126, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SECURITY DEPOSITS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2752) recommending that S.B. No. 2354, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2354, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the majority of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2753) recommending that S.B. No. 2132, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2754) recommending that S.B. No. 2730, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2730, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2755) recommending that S.B. No. 2511, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2511, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2756) recommending that S.B. No. 3285, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3285, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES," passed Second Reading and was

placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2757) recommending that S.B. No. 2197, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING OFFENSES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2758) recommending that S.B. No. 2557, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2759) recommending that S.B. No. 3033 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3033, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2760) recommending that S.B. No. 2522, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2522, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2761) recommending that S.B. No. 2439, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ACTIONS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senators Gabbard and Rhoads, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Judiciary, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2762) recommending that S.B. No. 2447 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2447, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," passed Second

Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2763) recommending that S.B. No. 3037, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROMOTING PORNOGRAPHY FOR MINORS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2764) recommending that S.B. No. 2219, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2219, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYING," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2765) recommending that S.B. No. 3036, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3036, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND MORALS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2766) recommending that S.B. No. 2958 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2958, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2767) recommending that S.B. No. 2683, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2683, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEFAMATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2768) recommending that S.B. No. 2601 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was

adopted and S.B. No. 2601, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2769) recommending that S.B. No. 2476 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2769 and S.B. No. 2476, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2770) recommending that S.B. No. 3329, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2770 and S.B. No. 3329, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2771) recommending that S.B. No. 2119 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2771 and S.B. No. 2119, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE PRESCRIPTIONS," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2772) recommending that S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2772 and S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2773) recommending that S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2773 and S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2774) recommending that S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2774 and S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIRCRAFT," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2775) recommending that S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2775 and S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2776) recommending

that S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2776 and S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2777) recommending that S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2777 and S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DESTINATION MANAGEMENT," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2778) recommending that S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2778 and S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DAM AND APPURTENANCE IMPROVEMENT OR REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2779) recommending that S.B. No. 2362, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2779 and S.B. No. 2362, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2780) recommending that S.B. No. 2143, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2780 and S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2781) recommending that S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2781 and S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2782) recommending that S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2782 and S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2783) recommending that S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2783 and S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2784) recommending that S.B. No. 2288, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2784 and S.B. No. 2288, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2785) recommending that S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2785 and S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2786) recommending that S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2786 and S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2787) recommending that S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2787 and S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2788) recommending that S.B. No. 2091, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2788 and S.B. No. 2091, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2789) recommending that S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2789 and S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2790) recommending that S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2790 and S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2791) recommending

that S.B. No. 2746, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2791 and S.B. No. 2746, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2792) recommending that S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2792 and S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2793) recommending that S.B. No. 3007, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2793 and S.B. No. 3007, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIRING,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2794) recommending that S.B. No. 3008, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2794 and S.B. No. 3008, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY AUTHORIZE THE COUNTIES TO ISSUE TAX INCREMENT BONDS AND TO EXCLUDE TAX INCREMENT BONDS FROM DETERMINATIONS OF THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE COUNTIES,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2795) recommending that S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2795 and S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2796) recommending that S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2796 and S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2797) recommending that S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2797 and S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS,” was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2798) recommending that S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2798 and S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KALAUPAPA," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2799) recommending that S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2799 and S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2800) recommending that S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2800 and S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2801) recommending that S.B. No. 3383, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2801 and S.B. No. 3383, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2802) recommending that S.B. No. 3242, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2802 and S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2803) recommending that S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2803 and S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2804) recommending that S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2804 and S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND THE ARTS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2805) recommending that S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2805 and S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2806) recommending that S.B. No. 3371, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2806 and S.B. No. 3371, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEWORKING," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2807) recommending that S.B. No. 849, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2807 and S.B. No. 849, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2808) recommending that S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 3, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2808 and S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2809) recommending that S.B. No. 572, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2809 and S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2810) recommending that S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2810 and S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2811) recommending that S.B. No. 2329, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2811 and S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2812) recommending that S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2812 and S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2813) recommending that S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2813 and S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2814) recommending that S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2814 and S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2815) recommending that S.B. No. 2677, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2815 and S.B. No. 2677, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2816) recommending that S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2816 and S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2817) recommending that S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2817 and S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2818) recommending that S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2818 and S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2819) recommending that S.B. No. 2419, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2819 and S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY," was deferred until Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2820) recommending that S.B. No. 2133 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2820 and S.B. No. 2133, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2821) recommending that S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2821 and S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER QUALITY," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2822) recommending that S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2822 and S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2823) recommending that S.B. No. 2828 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2823 and S.B. No. 2828, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2824) recommending that S.B. No. 2951, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2824 and S.B. No. 2951, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2825) recommending that S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2825 and S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2826) recommending that S.B. No. 3305 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2826 and S.B. No. 3305, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2827) recommending that H.B. No. 2520 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2520, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2828) recommending that S.B. No. 2861, as amended in

S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2829) recommending that S.B. No. 3083, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2830) recommending that S.B. No. 524, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2831) recommending that S.B. No. 2695, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2735 (Gov. Msg. No. 595):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2735 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, term to expire December 31, 2026, seconded by Senator Wakai.

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

"As chair of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, I carefully reviewed the personal history, résumé, and statement submitted by Mr. Tokioka for service as a director. James Kunane Tokioka has been serving as the interim director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism since May of 2023. Previously, Mr. Tokioka served as the deputy director for the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation and, prior to that, served as a new business manager for Oceanic Time Warner Cable from 2011 to 2023, where he oversaw management

programs and assisted with securing the largest single contract for Hawai'i in the state's history. Mr. Tokioka was a Hawai'i state representative from 2006 to 2022, where he served, among other positions, as the majority whip, chair of the Legislative Management and Intergovernmental Affairs committee, and vice chair of Tourism. Prior to that, Mr. Tokioka was the county council vice chairman for the Kaua'i County Council for 10 years. Mr. Tokioka has also worked with various hotels and resorts as an entrepreneur, owner, manager, and director over the course of his extensive career.

"During the committee hearing, he received exactly 100 pieces of written testimony—all in support—from a wide variety of state departments, agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals. Many of the testimony submissions spoke to Tokioka's strengths, skills, and character. During his confirmation hearing, which has also been described as a lovefest for Mr. Tokioka, the lieutenant governor herself came to give verbal testimony about her strong support for him, praising him for the role he played in the response to the Maui wildfires. Another testimony of note was by the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority executive director, who, even though time was short in the hearing, wanted to share that he contacted Mr. Tokioka on a DOT-Airports matter, not knowing he had transitioned to DBEDT. He noted that even though Mr. Tokioka was no longer at DOT-Airports, he made calls to address Executive Director's concerns and then personally called him back. Mr. Tokioka didn't just refer him to another office or pass off the matter; he made sure it was handled personally. This is the type of dedication and commitment Mr. Tokioka shows every day.

"Going the distance to assist others is not something that is new for Mr. Tokioka, but during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were many times when Mr. Tokioka used his resources to help provide the communities in need across the state. As you know, he represented a House district on Kaua'i, but that didn't stop him from helping my home island of Moloka'i in assisting with donations for a community food distribution. He did this without recognition or fanfare.

"Mr. President, over the past six months since the Maui wildfires, we have seen how Mr. Tokioka's leadership was a commanding factor in the state's response to get our residents and visitors safely into shelters, then into non-congregate shelters (aka hotels) and set a path forward for more permanent housing. And to show more of his character and leadership, whenever Mr. Tokioka is acknowledged for his work in the aftermath of these wildfires, the first thing he does is credit and thank his team at DBEDT and agency partners. He knows and sees the value of the contributions of everyone around him.

"Your Committee believes that Mr. James Kunane Tokioka, with 27 years of leadership experience within state and county governments and over 40 years of business management experience in the hospitality sector, possesses the qualifications to successfully serve as a director and lead the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Mr. President, I ask for your support and all of my colleagues' in the decision made by your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism to advise and consent on this nominee. Mahalo."

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

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

"Thank you Mr. President. I rise in support of Mr. Tokioka's nomination. Many of us are often automatically accorded the title of honorable by virtue of our position in government. However, whether we rise to meet that expectation can only be determined through time. Time spent achieving the goals we set

out to accomplish. Time spent overcoming unexpected obstacles and challenges we never signed up to resolve. Time spent actually earning the accolades given to us perhaps too easily. In the case of Mr. Tokioka, appointed to lead the Department of Business and Economic Development just before the Lahaina fire, at perhaps the most critical moment for that community and the state in many years, I've seen and heard of Mr. Tokioka's rise to the occasion. He handled the situation with success far beyond what anyone could expect of a newly appointed director. In fact he handled it far better than many other experienced leaders, and did what needed to be done. If his work throughout that crisis is any measure of the manner in which he may handle the department thereafter, he will have more than earned his title. I wish him the best of luck in that endeavor. Thank you Mr. President."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator DeCoite introduced Director James Kunane Tokioka, who was present in the gallery with Ms. Kristine Reitan and Pono Tokioka and supporters from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, including deputy director Dane Wicker, the director's office staff, and department program managers and staff.

The Chair announced that the director would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately after adjournment.

The Chair continued with the following remarks:

"For those of you new to the Capitol, you know, the rules are that the president presides over the meeting but does not influence the vote from the rostrum. I was going to ask for a recess and ask Vice President Kidani to preside so I could say a few words, but I know Director Tokioka didn't need my words to get him confirmed. But I still felt compelled now to say we met most formally in 1996, when he was elected to the Kaua'i County Council, and I have seen his service and his evolution as a leader. Of course, in 2006, coming to the House and serving in the House until appointed, I happened to reside in Director Tokioka's House district of the three House districts on Kaua'i, and we partnered on a lot of projects. But to paraphrase Martin Luther King (we're not so far removed from his birthday), the measure of a man is not what he does in times of comfort and ease but what he does in times of adversity. And when the fires devastated Maui, Director Tokioka leapt into action, and what he was able to accomplish in moving people out of congregate shelters and into better housing opportunities and to continue to coordinate the efforts and still have his department working with the Legislature on pursuing economic development opportunities that will generate the revenue that will help us pay for the devastation in Maui was amazing. And it was certainly an honor and a privilege to cast a vote in support of your nomination, Director Tokioka, and I wish you nothing but the best. As Chair DeCoite indicated, as a reflection of his values, he named every division head and acknowledged their contribution to help him get to the lovefest he had in his hearing and wants every one of us to know how important each member of the team is, and I just want to let you know: mission accomplished."

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2959, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, S.B. No. 2959, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2736 (S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2736 was adopted and S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOOD SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2737 (S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2737 was adopted and S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 2387:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2387, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OWNERS OF LAND," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 2333:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2333, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

S.B. No. 2347:

Senator Rhoads moved that S.B. No. 2347, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"My concern is that, of the people who have opposed it, that this is basically like a 'three strikes, you're out' law that basically has been shown in California to increase imprisonment rather than help, and my biggest concern is that it also includes mutual affrays, which means fights among consenting individuals will now be considered as a potential felony, and for those reasons, I stand in support but with reservations."

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

"I stand in support, very strong support, of S.B. 2347. It comes from a community that has been assaulted, injured, and traumatized. They fear convicted violent offenders coming back to their neighborhoods again and again. Offenders know they can attack many times with just a few days in jail because each attack is treated as a misdemeanor, a 'minor' crime.

"Opponents say the bill is a thinly disguised attempt to punish and send Hawai'i's unhoused to prison. Actually, we agree those committing crimes need help, including those with mental illness and substance use disorders—numbers on the rise.

“IHS Executive Director Connie Mitchell knows firsthand the changing landscape of substance abuse among our houseless. Methamphetamine and fentanyl from overseas drug labs mixed with other drugs precipitate unexpected and more violent behaviors within and outside their shelters. Her outreach workers have been threatened with machetes, bitten by dogs, and forced to de-escalate individuals in psychotic or manic crises. Incarceration enables those with mental illness or drug addiction to receive treatment—the only way to break the cycle of violence—what’s offered now in the new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

“Twenty years ago, residents demanded that we address repeated thefts. The Legislature responded with a ‘habitual **property crime** law.’ S.B. 2347 seeks the same with this ‘habitual **violent crime** law.’ Under this bill, a person will be charged with a class C felony for a ‘habitual violent misdemeanor crime’ if convicted three or more times within a five-year period for:

- 1) Causing bodily injury;
- 2) Causing bodily injury to a law enforcement officer; or
- 3) Compelling sexual assault, including on a minor.

Like the habitual property crime law, the penalty is up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

“This bill has the potential of reducing the risk of injury to our community and sends a clear message that violent behaviors are not tolerated in the Aloha State. We need this bill for community safety and offender rehabilitation. I urge my colleagues to vote ‘yes’ on Senate Bill 2347. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 2347, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (San Buenaventura). Noes, none.

The Chair expressed his belief that the visitors from the cattle industry at the Capitol that day agreed with Senator Moriwaki.

S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPUTER CRIME,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

S.B. No. 2310, S.D. 1:

Senator Rhoads moved that S.B. No. 2310, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“My concern is that we already have an existing law preventing electronic tracking, and making it an actual class C felony—my concern is, by passing this bill, we actually

diminish the harassment caused by electronic tracking to that of a misdemeanor, and for those reasons, I stand with reservations.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 2310, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARASSMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (Kidani, McKelvey, San Buenaventura). Noes, none.

S.B. No. 2251, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2251, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Keohokalole, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for Gov. Msg. Nos. 506 to 513, Gov. Msg. Nos. 515 to 517, Gov. Msg. No. 519, Gov. Msg. No. 604, Gov. Msg. Nos. 612 to 615, and Gov. Msg. No. 624.

Senator Keohokalole noted:

“Mr. President, the start time was scheduled for 9:30. We’d like to move it to 9:00 a.m. in order to accommodate a joint committee decision-making before the deadline.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Keohokalole announced that the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following morning at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 229.

Senator Dela Cruz, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.B. No. 3265, S.D. 1; S.B. No. 3327, S.D. 1; and S.B. No. 2617, S.D. 1.

Senator Dela Cruz noted:

“Your Committee is requesting these waivers to meet the First Decking deadline.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Dela Cruz announced that the Committee on Ways and Means would be holding a decision-making meeting on S.B. No. 3265, S.D. 1, the following morning at 9:55 a.m. in Conference Room 211.

Senator Dela Cruz also announced that the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on S.B. No. 3327, S.D. 1 and S.B. No. 2617, S.D. 1 the following morning at 10:31 a.m. in Conference Room 211.

Senator DeCoite announced that the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, in partnership with the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, would be holding an informational briefing that afternoon in Conference Room 229 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Senator DeCoite explained that the briefing would address safety concerns regarding crimes related to farming and ranching and that the intent was to identify the root of the issues, address previous roadblocks, and identify potential solutions, with the safety of all individuals being at the forefront.

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

“I wanted to give thanks. First of all, I’d like to give thanks to my wife, Terri—you met her and the twins—for getting things organized and being here. Mr. President, I want to thank you for giving a little latitude with A.R. coming forth. Also want to thank acting governor Sylvia Luke for her friendship to A.R. and for attending, Speaker for attending, the cattlemen for being here and bringing the cattlemen to the Capitol. And, finally, to my colleagues: Thank you so much. Aloha.”

The Chair thanked Senator Richards for having A.R.

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

“Colleagues, I rise today with a very heavy heart and request that we adjourn on a rising vote and observe a moment of silence in memory of a remarkable individual who touched the lives of countless at-risk youth in our state. Last Friday, February 23rd, we lost a true champion for our youth, our friend Sid Rosen, the founder of Adult Friends for Youth.

“In the mid-’90s, when Kalihi was torn apart by the fierce rivalries of two powerful gangs, Sid Rosen stood as a beacon of hope amidst the chaos and challenges. Through the steadfast support of mentors like Sid Rosen, Adult Friends for Youth now continues his legacy of love and support for Hawai‘i’s keiki.

“Today, we take a moment to honor the memory of Sid Rosen—a visionary, a mentor, and a friend to many, many of Hawai‘i’s youth. In remembrance of his enduring legacy, I respectfully request permission to adjourn today’s floor session on a rising moment of silence, honoring the life and legacy of Sid Rosen, whose spirit will live forever to illuminate the path of countless young lives. A hui hou, Sid. May you rest in peace.”

Senator DeCoite recognized Department of Human Resources Development deputy director Mr. Ryan Yamane and Mr. Wes Lo, a good friend from Maui, who were present in the gallery.

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The deadline for filing standing committee reports on Senate bills for Second Reading is 6:00 p.m. tonight.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:28 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 1, 2024, on a rising vote, observing a moment of silence in memory of Sid Rosen.