

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 10:10 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 Forty-Sixth Day.

At this time, Senator Gabbard welcomed members of the following organizations who were seated in the gallery: Hawaiian Humane Society, Hawai'i Association of Animal Welfare Administrators, Pono Advocacy, Animal Welfare Institute, and Hina's Legacy Dog Rescue.

Senator Rhoads introduced two constituents, Kat Brady and Henry Curtis, who were present in the gallery.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 754) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 754, informing the Senate that on April 5, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of WARREN HARUKI as Chair of the Board of Education (At-Large Member), under Gov. Msg. No. 521, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 754, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 521 was returned.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 650 to 690) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 650, informing the Senate that on April 5, 2024, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 679, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1879, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2513, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1); and
H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2),

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 651, returning S.B. No. 2354, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 652, returning S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 653, returning S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed

by the House to S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 654, returning S.B. No. 2133, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2133, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 655, returning S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 656, returning S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 657, returning S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 658, returning S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 659, returning S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 660, returning S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 661, returning S.B. No. 2347, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2347, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 679, returning S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 680, returning S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 681, returning S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 682, returning S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 683, returning S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 684, returning S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 685, returning S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 686, returning S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 687, returning S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 688, returning S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 689, returning S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 690, returning S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 5, 2024, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair then announced:

“Conferees will be named at a later date.”

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3640 (H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3640 was adopted and H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOGS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN

PROGRAM,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAXATION BOARD OF REVIEW,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3650 (H.B. No. 2183, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3650 was adopted and H.B. No. 2183, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3653 (H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3653 was adopted and H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3654 (H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3654 was adopted and H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3661 (H.B. No. 1599, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3661 was adopted and H.B. No. 1599, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3662 (H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3662 was adopted and H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3664 (H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3664 was adopted and H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3669 (H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3669 was adopted and H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3672 (H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3672 was adopted and H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 1915:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 1915, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3684 (H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3684 was adopted and H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3685 (H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3685 was adopted and H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3686 (H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3686 was adopted and H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3687 (H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3687 was adopted and H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3688 (H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3688 was adopted and H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3689 (H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3689 was adopted and H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3690 (H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3690 was adopted and H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3692 (H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3692 was adopted and H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3694 (H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3694 was adopted and H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3695 (H.B. No. 1597, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3695 was adopted and H.B. No. 1597, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3696 (H.B. No. 2501, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3696 was adopted and H.B. No. 2501, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3697 (H.B. No. 2662, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3697 was adopted and H.B. No. 2662, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3698 (H.B. No. 1912, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3698 was adopted and H.B. No. 1912, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3700 (H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3700 was adopted and H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3701 (H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3701 was adopted and H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3702 (H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3702 was adopted and H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3703 (H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3703 was adopted and H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3704 (H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3704 was adopted and H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3705 (H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3705 was adopted and H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3706 (H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3706 was adopted and H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3707 (H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3707 was adopted and H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3708 (H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3708 was adopted and H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3710 (H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3710 was adopted and H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3711 (H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3711 was adopted and H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEYS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3714 (H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3714 was adopted and H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL ADVANCEMENT CONTRACTS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3715 (H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3715 was adopted and H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3716 (H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3716 was adopted and H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3717 (H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3717 was adopted and H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3718 (H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3718 was adopted and H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3719 (H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3719 was adopted and H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3721 (H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3721 was adopted and H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3722 (H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3722 was adopted and H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3725 (H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3725 was adopted and H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3726 (H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3726 was adopted and H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3727 (H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3727 was adopted and H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3728 (H.B. No. 2370, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3728 was adopted and H.B. No. 2370, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3729 (H.B. No. 2393, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3729 was adopted and H.B. No. 2393, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TITLE 24, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3731 (H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3731 was adopted and H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3734 (H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3734 was adopted and H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS OF WAGE PAYMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3735 (H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3735 was adopted and H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3738 (H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3738 was adopted and H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3743 (H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3743 was adopted and H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3745 (H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3745 was adopted and H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3748 (H.B. No. 1598, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3748 was adopted and H.B. No. 1598, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3750 (H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3750 was adopted and H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIME SHARE COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3752 (H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3752 was adopted and H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3753 (H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3753 was adopted and H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3754 (H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3754 was adopted and H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3755 (H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3755 was adopted and H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3756 (H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3756 was adopted and H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3757 (H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3757 was adopted and H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3761 (H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3761 was adopted and H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3762 (H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3762 was adopted and H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3763 (H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3763 was adopted and H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3764 (H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3764 be adopted and H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

Senator Moriwaki spoke in strong support of the measure as follows:

“This is relating to long-term care. I strongly support this bill. I ask my colleagues to also support ... It’s a long time coming to have a long-term care master plan. I have written remarks I’d like to insert into the Journal. Thank you.”

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

“This measure tackles a serious and long-neglected problem: the growing population of frail kupuna with multiple chronic disabilities and the escalating cost to serve them. No formal long-term care planning has taken place by the State since 1988 when a report entitled, ‘Long Term Care Plan for Hawaii’s Older Adults – the First Step in Planned Care’ was completed.

“The Kupuna Caucus, along with the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) and the Council of State Governments, has been working over the past 19 months to tackle long-term care issues --from services and costs to the workforce shortage. In February, we convened a two-day summit bringing together champions from across the state and nation. Forty-three organizations pledged their commitment to work on this important issue.

“House Bill 2224 is the culmination of their work and the continuing work still ahead. It requires the EOA, in coordination with the State Health Planning and Development Agency, to create a comprehensive long-term care plan to address policy goals to achieve a full continuum of person-centered institutional and community-based services that are available, accessible and affordable.

“I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this very important measure.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3764 was adopted and H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3765 (H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3765 was adopted and H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATH BENEFITS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3766 (H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3766 was adopted and H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3767 (H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3767 was adopted and H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTISM,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3768 (H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3768 was adopted and H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3769 (H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3769 and H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT,” was deferred until the end of the calendar.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3770 (H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3770 was adopted and H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3771 (H.B. No. 2241, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3771 was adopted and H.B. No. 2241, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3772 (H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3772 was adopted and H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3773 (H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3773 was adopted and H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3776 (H.B. No. 2496, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3776 was adopted and H.B. No. 2496, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3777 (H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3777 was adopted and H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3778 (H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3778 was adopted and H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3779 (H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3779 was adopted and H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3780 (H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3780 was adopted and H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3781 (H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3781 was adopted and H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3783 (H.B. No. 1639, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3783 was adopted and H.B. No. 1639, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BASE COMPOSITE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3785 (H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3785 was adopted and H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO RENT CREDITS FOR DEMOLITION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ON PUBLIC LAND LEASES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3786 (H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3786 was adopted and H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ENFORCEMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3788 (H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3788 was adopted and H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3789 (H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3789 was adopted and H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3792 (H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3792 was adopted and H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3795 (H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3795 was adopted and H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3796 (H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3796 was adopted and H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3797 (H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3797 was adopted

and H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3798 (H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3798 was adopted and H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3799 (H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3799 was adopted and H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3801 (H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3801 was adopted and H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3802 (H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3802 was adopted and H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 911 SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3804 (H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3804 was adopted and H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3805 (H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3805 was adopted and H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3807 (H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3807 was adopted and H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC

LIBRARY SYSTEM," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3808 (H.B. No. 500, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3808 was adopted and H.B. No. 500, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3809 (H.B. No. 1881, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3809 was adopted and H.B. No. 1881, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3812 (H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3812 was adopted and H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIRING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3813 (H.B. No. 2372, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3813 was adopted and H.B. No. 2372, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SOLAR ENERGY STORAGE LOAN PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3814 (H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3814 was adopted and H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3815 (H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3815 was adopted and H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3817 (H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3817 was adopted and H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE," having

been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3819 (H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3819 was adopted and H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED FINANCING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

THIRD READING

MATTER DEFERRED FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

H.B. No. 1580, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

Senator Rhoads moved that H.B. No. 1580, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Richards rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"Though I understand the intent, my concern is that we leave the door open as it affects animal agriculture. I've had a lot of contact with constituents, and as the state is striving towards food self-reliance, food security, the availability of protein is exceedingly important. I can see where the animal industry can supply this, and, going through the pandemic, that showed us how important it is to have the animal industry, so for that reason, I cannot support this measure. Thank you."

The Chair apologized to the members of the Minority Caucus for not informing them prior to the floor session that there would be no floor amendment offered on the measure and that there would be a vote taken on the measure instead.

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

"While the primary intent of the bill seems to be to deter and penalize acts of animal cruelty, there are potential aspects of H.B. 1580, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 that could affect animal owners or ranchers negatively. The bill proposes increasing penalties for various animal-cruelty offenses, including elevating some offenses to felony status. While this can be beneficial in deterring animal cruelty, it could also lead to harsher consequences for individuals who maybe inadvertently violate the law or engage in practices that are considered standard in their industry, such as certain methods of animal handling or husbandry. The bill includes provisions that restricts certain practices, such as tethering or restraining dogs in certain manners, which may be commonly used by ranchers or animal owners for managing their livestock or pets. While these restrictions aim to prevent cruelty and improve animal welfare, it may also impact traditional methods of animal management and require adjustments in practices. With the introduction of stricter penalties and regulations regarding animal cruelty, there may be increased regulatory scrutiny and enforcement actions targeted at animal owners, including ranchers. This could lead to additional administrative burdens, compliance costs, and potential legal liabilities for individuals and businesses involved in an animal husbandry.

"Just last week, a woman's chickens were attacked, and 45 of them were killed by someone's dog. She also raises egg-layers and had been producing eggs for the island of Moloka'i. She shot the dog to protect her livestock and is now being accused

of cruelty to animals. While some say self-defense, she now has to go to court and prove that it was not intentional. To take off time now to have to fight this out in court costs time and money and now having to replace her livestock.

"The bill's language may be open to interpretation, and there is a risk that certain people have concerns that the new provision in this bill could be misapplied or misinterpreted by authorities, leading to unintended consequences for animal owners or ranchers. Clarity and specificity in the language of the law are essential to ensure fair and consistent enforcement. While H.B. 1580, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 aims to address these concerns related to animal cruelty, it is crucial to consider the potential unintended impacts on animal owners, especially those in the rural areas, including ranchers, and ensure that the legislation strikes a balance between protecting our animal welfare and safeguarding the interests of responsible animal owners. Collaboration between lawmakers, animal-welfare advocates, law enforcement agencies, and industry stakeholders may be necessary to address some of these concerns effectively. For those reasons, I oppose this bill. Mahalo."

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

"My opposition is, you know, when they use the terminology 'animal' and 'cruelty to animals,' when it comes to lifestyles, especially with families, that all of us enjoy family luaus. How did you think the pig got to the table? It didn't fall out and be kalua pig. There was a process of doing that meal by grabbing the pig, stabbing um in the throat, killing um, draining the blood (and then some people use the blood to eat), and enjoy the meal. So, by having this bill, somebody takes a picture of me—so when I first got married, the groom has to stab the pig in going forward, and I did that. My baby's first lū'au, I stabbed the pig, and we had done that.

"There are so many provisions within this bill that's gonna get law-abiding citizens to be criminals. One of um, I'll give you guys an example. My sister is the most loving person for animals—well, dogs, period. She went to the store, she left her dog on a line that she exercise every day, came out, and the dog was accidentally hung—hung in the air—off the ground. This bill would make my sister a felon on something that was accidental. Then, my grandfather, when I was a little kid, used to take me out into the field, and they used to call um 'mountain oysters.' I don't know if anybody know what mountain oysters is; it's bull balls. So when they used to go out there and castrate the bulls, we used to have a roundup, and then we used to cook um on the grill, and we used to do all of that. Was in the field. There's no person out there that's going to monitor how my grandfather castrate the baby calves or the bulls at the time.

"So, this kinds of stuff that, you know, I understand the intent of the bill: Basically, if somebody goes ahead and beats the dog to death, I understand that's cruelty. But when you specify 'animal,' that's a lot of things. Another one, again, same thing with grooming with your pets, right? A lot of guys cut ears, which is something that I'm gonna speak of later on. But get family guys out there cut the ears of the dogs; they've been grooming dogs generation after generation, but now, that gon' fall under cruelty to animals.

"This is the thing that a handful of people want to say what is cruel and what is not, what is humane and what not humane. And that's the thing right here as lawmakers: We got to weigh that out. As we grew up in Hawai'i, that's the multicultural thing that we lived in, but now society—when is it going to stop? Telling us what is the lines that we cannot cross? What is the barriers that we should not go across? Those are the things that, now, we're going to have neighbors turning in neighbors. We're going to have guys who don't like your dogs in your yard 'cause the thing bark too much—as soon as you go out there

and do something, they call the cops on you. This is the society that we living in, and we as lawmakers are making these laws. Already hard to enforce the laws that we have. Right now, we get gambling houses. You get caught gambling in Hawai'i: misdemeanor. But you go ahead and stab one pig in the neck: felony. What is the just in that?

"So, in going forward, Senate President, I'm in opposition to this bill because we gon' be making our ranchers, our famers, our people that love dogs and animals (whatever you like call um) felons, and they gon' lose not only their jobs but their livelihood. So, again, thank you, Senate President, for your time, and I ask my colleagues to please oppose this bill. Thank you."

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

"I rise in opposition and request that the words of the senator from Moloka'i be entered into the Journal as they were my own." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

The Chair then called for a Roll Call vote.

The motion was put by the Chair and failed to carry, and H.B. No. 1580, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY," having been read throughout, failed to pass Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (McKelvey, Shimabukuro, Wakai). Noes, 14 (Aquino, Awa, Chang, DeCoite, Fevella, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, Kouchi, Richards, San Buenaventura).

THIRD READING

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3660 (H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3660 be adopted and H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Keohokalole then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 5) to H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 2:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, section 3, is amended by amending page 5, line 7, to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2040."

Senator Keohokalole moved that Floor Amendment No. 5 be adopted, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

Senator Keohokalole rose to speak in support of the amendment as follows:

"The floor amendment proposes to amend the effective date on this measure to July 1, 2040, so that we can continue the discussion on this measure and hopefully come up with a compromise draft of the bill in conference committee. Thank you."

Senator Richards rose to speak in support of the amendment as follows:

"Senator Keohokalole and I have been working on this bill for quite some time, and so looking forward to getting a compromise worked out. Thank you."

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 5 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3660 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS," was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

THIRD READING

MATTER DEFERRED FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

H.B. No. 2318, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, H.B. No. 2318, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (San Buenaventura). Noes, 1 (Awa).

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 1919, H.D. 1, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 1919, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Fevella, Ihara, Kanuha, McKelvey, Richards, San Buenaventura). Noes, 3 (Awa, Elefante, Inouye).

H.B. No. 1980, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

Senator Rhoads moved that H.B. No. 1980, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"My reason for opposition to this bill is that it's broad enough to—you end up making, again, our law-abiding citizens criminals. When it comes to raising and breeding chickens for whatever reason they use it for, I can understand if you are getting caught in the act of chicken-fighting or cockfighting or whatever you want to call it; it's on them because it is an illegal activity. But now you are jeopardizing the feed stores, the mom-and-pop stores that sell feed and vitamins and all these other things that people do breed the birds for whatever reason. Some of um import and export these chickens because it's a valuable commodity that other countries and other states is that doing it, but then you strapping the normal person that breeds birds or have hatcheries or whatever it is—you're penalizing them, too. Like I said, the feed-mom-and-pop stores depend on the amount of feed that we sell in the state depends on these industries that go ahead. Not everybody's a criminal—not everybody fights the chicken at a chicken-fight—but then this is going to be a broad thing that's going to be criminalizing anybody that has possession on the bird. So, again, I'm asking my colleagues to please not support this bill because it's too broad and it's going to make law-abiding citizens felons. Thank you, Senate President."

Senator Richards rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"Again, this comes back for the animal industry side. The state is pressing for food self-reliance, and a way of managing our landscapes against wildfires can be through grazing. Once again, my concern is, we have bills like this that have unintended consequences because we have not thought them

through. Because of that, I will not be supporting this. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and failed to carry, and H.B. No. 1980, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY,” having been read throughout, failed to pass Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 9. Noes, 16 (Aquino, Awa, Chang, DeCoite, Fevella, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, Kouchi, McKelvey, Richards, San Buenaventura, Shimabukuro).

H.B. No. 1927, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 1927, H.D. 1, 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, 24. Noes, 1 (San Buenaventura).

H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3649 (H.B. No. 1842, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3649 was adopted and H.B. No. 1842, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3651 (H.B. No. 2231, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3651 was adopted and H.B. No. 2231, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3652 (H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3652 was adopted and H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3655 (H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3655 was adopted and H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3656 (H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3656 was adopted and H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3657 (H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3657 was adopted and H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (McKelvey). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3658 (H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3658 was adopted and H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3659 (H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3659 was adopted and H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3663 (H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3663 was adopted and H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WEAPONS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Fevella, McKelvey, San Buenaventura). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3665 (H.B. No. 2295, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3665 was adopted and H.B. No. 2295, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3666 (H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3666 was adopted and H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHOTO RED LIGHT IMAGING DETECTOR SYSTEMS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3667 (H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3667 was adopted and H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3668 (H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3668 was adopted and H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3670 (H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3670 was adopted and H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, Kim). Noes, 2 (Awa, Elefante). Excused, 1 (Dela Cruz).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3671 (H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3671 was adopted and H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Kim). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Dela Cruz).

H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, Kim). Noes, 1 (Awa).

H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Fevella).

H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3682 (H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3682 was adopted and H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3683 (H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3683 was adopted and H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3691 (H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3691 was adopted and H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3693 (H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3693 was adopted and H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, Kim, Richards). Noes, 1 (San Buenaventura).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3699 (H.B. No. 1914, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3699 was adopted and H.B. No. 1914, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3709 (H.B. No. 2489, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3709 was adopted and H.B. No. 2489, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (McKelvey). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3712 (H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3712 be adopted and H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

“The reservations is the huge increase in the penalty from \$50 to \$500—that’s 10 times more than it used to be. And the second is, we are going backwards in the sense that, in the past 10 years, we have been removing Social Security numbers because of the huge problems with identity theft, and this bill actually requires landowners to provide their tenants with the full Social Security number of the landowner. We need to fix that before it goes on, especially since there’s already identifying requirements of federal tax ID and general excise tax ID that would identify the landowner without the identity theft problem. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3712 was adopted and H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, Keohokalole, Kim, McKelvey, Richards, San Buenaventura). Noes, 2 (Awa, Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3713 (H.B. No. 1913, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3713 was adopted and H.B. No. 1913, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3720 (H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3720 was adopted and H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3723 (H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3723 was adopted and H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3724 (H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3724 was adopted and H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, McKelvey). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3730 (H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3730 was adopted and H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES,”

having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3732 (H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3732 was adopted and H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3733 (H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3733 was adopted and H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3736 (H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3736 was adopted and H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3737 (H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3737 was adopted and H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3739 (H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 3, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3739 was adopted and H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (McKelvey).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3740 (H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3740 be adopted and H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Elefante rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“Unintended consequences. There are a lot of key elements of this bill, such as addressing increased penalties, noisy mufflers, fines for driving without insurance, and the list goes on. On the other hand, my serious concerns are on page 17, section 9, of the bill, which I’m unable to support, which have liability insurance minimums as blank. While I understand that it’s been over 25 years since we changed the minimums, I don’t

believe the appropriate time is now to potentially increase minimums. In a time in which cost-of-living elements are increasing, insurance prices are going up, other costs are increasing, it would be difficult for me to support a bill that is unknown to the ratepayer. One testimony indicated costs could rise at an estimated cost per year between \$24 to \$67. Yes, that's less than a cup of coffee per month. In another testimony by the Hawaii Insurers Council, it indicated, '4 states including Hawaii have minimum bodily injury liability limits of \$20,000 per person/\$40,000 per accident.' I appreciate the chair of Transportation, Culture and Arts for placing in the Standing Committee Report 3344 suggested amounts which correlate with the average of what 34 other states are currently doing. However, at this time, it makes it difficult for me to vote on blank minimum amounts. We must ask ourselves as policymakers, do we want the unintended consequences of having more folks not insuring their vehicles? Do we want to see increased rates? For these reasons, I am unable to support H.B. 1539, and I'll be voting 'no.' Thank you."

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

"I'm going to rise with reservations for now in the hopes that the conference committees can clean this bill up. It's got so much going on, I don't even know where to begin. I mean, it's a Christmas tree and then some—I think it almost borders on being unconstitutional. However, there are some things in there that are good; there are some things in there my constituents think are horrible. Hopefully, they can be worked out, and this can become more focused and, to the previous speaker's comments, there can be some definitiveness given to the minimums. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3740 was adopted and H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 19; Ayes with Reservations (Aquino, Fukunaga, Ihara, Inouye, Kidani, McKelvey). Noes, 6 (Awa, DeCoite, Elefante, Fevella, Kim, Richards).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3741 (H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3741 was adopted and H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Elefante, McKelvey, Richards). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3742 (H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3742 was adopted and H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3744 (H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3744 be adopted and H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"Our critical infrastructure is vital to our way of life. Information of critical infrastructure is vital. I believe the House Bill 2582 threatens the ability of protecting the critical infrastructure by excluding information of Uniform Information Practices Act specified in section 6 of the bill. Our people are deserving to know on the poisoning of our water, like how we had in Halawa. Our people deserve to know about how other instructions are failing, especially like right now, in building in Lahaina. So these things would stop in giving anybody any information, and we wanna make sure that we protect the people's information, but, again, we had problems getting information for the water and now the infrastructure in Lahaina. And then we're gonna pass this, knowing that we're gonna have infrastructure issues. So, again, this is the reason why I'm asking my colleagues not to support this bill. Thank you, Senate President."

Senator McKelvey rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"As this bill moved along, I was supportive of it. I grew some concerns after our colleague from the Big Island pointed out some issues. But in discussion with my community—and I think the previous speaker touched upon it—this bill could have some very serious unintended consequences, and so, at this point, I'm not gonna support this measure. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3744 was adopted and H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, San Buenaventura). Noes, 3 (Awa, Fevella, McKelvey). Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3746 (H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3746 was adopted and H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3747 (H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3747 was adopted and H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3749 (H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3749 be adopted and H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"Mr. President, although this bill has merit, again, we are penalizing breeders, people that had generations. Some of these dogs are not in dog kennels or dog cages, or their pets are here. These guys take really good care of their dogs, and we have a lot of breeders around the islands that take care of their pets really good. Some of this that they do, they cannot go get one veterinarian, they cannot pay to take it to one vet. But they've

been doing it for generations and generations, like I said earlier, in grooming and taking care of—certain dogs need to have certain things done, especially if you have a whole litter of pit bulls or different kind of dogs. This would be penalizing somebody—again, you gotta get caught; like everybody said, you gotta get caught. But you never know when you get one roaming neighbor that wanna come and penalize you 'cause they no like the dog. So, again, I cannot see this bill going through and passing because you're gonna make law-abiding citizens, again, criminals. So I'm asking my colleagues to please oppose this bill."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3749 was adopted and H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Kim, McKelvey, Richards, San Buenaventura). Noes, 3 (Awa, Elefante, Fevella). Excused, 1 (Keohokalole).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3751 (H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3751 was adopted and H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (Keohokalole).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3758 (H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3758 be adopted and H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

"I know this bill is important to the North Shore community. However, I hope in conference, as I've said earlier, the counties can be brought in—the City and County of Honolulu to be the tip of the spear in this issue. It's upon them the SMA program is run. It's upon them that the CMZ program is run, I'm sorry. It's upon them that has neighborhood boards and other apparatuses to really lead this discussion, so I hope that becomes the case in conference. Thanks."

The Chair replied that, given who was seated next to Senator McKelvey, he, too, hoped that the issue was worked out for Senator McKelvey.

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

"I voted against this in committee; I'm going to vote 'with reservations' now. I'm hoping things can get worked out. I voted against it because I didn't think it was going to be funded at an appropriate enough level (I didn't want to waste money), but I'll do 'with reservations' and see if things can get worked out in conference."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3758 was adopted and H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3759 (H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3759 was adopted and H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3760 (H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3760 was adopted and H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3774 (H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 3, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3774 was adopted and H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3775 (H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3775 was adopted and H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3782 (H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3, S.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3782 be adopted and H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

"The DOE said in written testimony the farmers and the vendors are not prepared to provide local plant-based meat and meat alternatives. Available plant-based items like tofu is processed food. Processed food does not meet the local criteria for the ag and food and value-added products, so does this measure will help us meet the goals of 30 percent local food by 2030? Mr. President, I support the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and I agree with the cattlemen that we can find a way to support plant-based meals along with local meat consumption. I look forward in having more discussion in conference going forward. Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Richards rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"Again, it comes back to food security, food self-reliance. What we can do as a state is step forward and really enhance our protein production. Growing children brain development is reliant on nutrient-dense proteins, and so, though I understand what we're saying here, I cannot support this going forward. I support the side of local farming production and purchasing from local, but to be plant-based—I cannot support that. Thank you."

Senator Elefante rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“May I have the previous speaker’s words, as if they were my own, inserted into the Journal? Thank you.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“The first part of this bill has to do with incentivizing schools to submit to the department a plan to reach the local farm-to-school program of 30 percent by 2030. This helps our farmers. We should not just focus on the pilot program out at Mililani. This helps our farmers, and that’s what this is all about. Thank you. Please join me in voting ‘yes.’”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3782 was adopted and H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 4 (DeCoite, Elefante, Kim, Richards).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3784 (H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3784 was adopted and H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERISLAND TRANSPORT OF HYDROGEN,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3787 (H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3787 was adopted and H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3790 (H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3790 was adopted and H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3791 (H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3791 was adopted and H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3793 (H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3793 was adopted and H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO WATER,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3794 (H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3794 was adopted and H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3800 (H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3800 was adopted and H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Elefante, Ihara, Keohokalole, Moriwaki, Richards, San Buenaventura). Noes, 1 (Fukunaga).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3803 (H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3803 was adopted and H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3806 (H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3806 was adopted and H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3810 (H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3810 was adopted and H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3811 (H.B. No. 2802, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3811 was adopted and H.B. No. 2802, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 23, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO MARRIAGE,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3816 (H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3816 was adopted and H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3818 (H.B. No. 2653, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3818 be adopted and H.B. No. 2653, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

Senator Rhoads rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"I've introduced several bills over the years to raise taxes on the wealthy and the very wealthy, and this bill goes in the opposite direction. It doesn't affect anybody if they have an estate smaller than \$5.5 million (which is almost no one), and it also gives a tax break to people who are way above that in terms of wealth. So my personal feeling is that we're going the wrong direction on this one. Thank you."

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

"At one time, all 50 states had an estate tax. In 2006, 24 states had an estate tax. And in 2012, that number has fallen to 17 states. Today, only 12 states have estate taxes, and they continue to get phased out.

"The estate tax is imposed when someone dies. That's unpredictable. Public companies—those listed on the stock exchange—don't pay estate taxes and don't worry about them. Hawai'i family businesses are private companies. Unlike public companies, their shareholders and family businesses are one. Shareholders are not able to sell their shares easily, so the family business must loan funds to them and sell off parts or all of their businesses to provide funds. Local businesses face competition from much bigger and financially stronger public companies.

"Instead of estate taxes, those funds could invest in Hawai'i, create more jobs, expand facilities, improve products and services, thereby yielding additional excise tax, income, and property tax revenues. With those additional employees, the state will also generate more income and excise taxes from them. And the vendors and suppliers of growing family businesses and their employees would benefit and also pay more taxes. We're talking about companies like City Mill, Big Island Subaru and Big Island Toyota, Easy Music Center, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, HPM Building Supply, Goodfellow Bros., ALTRES, Y. Hata, HONBLUE, Zippy's, Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant, Kauai Vehicle Service Center, Mana Up Hawai'i, Kamaka Ukuleles, Ace Hardware, Ben Franklin, Honolulu Disposal Service, McCully Bike & Sporting Goods, Liliha Bakery, ABC Stores, Oahu Veterinary Clinic, Finance Factors, Hawaii National Bank, Petland, Martin & MacArthur, Ace Auto Glass, KTA Super Stores, Highway Inn, Island Insurance Companies, Foodland, and Sae Design Group on Maui. So, for these reasons, I ask my colleagues to support the bill. Thank you."

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

"I'd like to have Senator Dela Cruz's words entered as my own, and just to reinforce that: When I look at the family businesses that I've dealt with over the generations I've seen

here, I seek them out purposely because I know they reinvest into our state, into our economy. They supply the jobs for our people, and their biggest concern is not just making a dollar but supporting the community and building for the future. So, for those reasons, I ask my colleagues to support 2653."

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

"I'd like to share an email that I sent to a constituent two days ago who read an article in a local paper about this bill, and this was my reply:

Thank you for your email. While this measure, S.B. 3289, is far from a foregone conclusion, I can say that there are aspects of the bill that were not included in the media reports on it. One of them is the fact that this bill will further prevent separation of old kama'aina families, including many Native Hawaiian families, from being forced to sell their ancestral lands to raise cash to pay taxes. My family is one example. I grew up in the '90s on Waikalua Road in Kane'ohe on 'ohana lands that contained one single multi-acre lot that my great-grandfather, John Kepono Hoapili, built 10 homes on. Those homes were subsequently divided among the four brothers and sisters, including my grandmother, Emma Keohokalole. And at the time I grew up on that lot, there were 40 grandchildren in my generation that either lived on those homes or commuted there so that they could be babysat. We all grew up together. Ownership of that lot has run in my family since the Great Māhele. Over the last 30 years, all but two homes on that lot were sold in a series of subdivisions and divestments after the deaths of kūpuna in the family triggered estate settlements, including tax payments that required cash. Like many old kama'aina and Native Hawaiian families, our family was mostly land-rich and cash-poor. My brother, who owns my grandmother's home now with my dad and my mother, and my cousin Mika, whose brother and sister live with him in the house behind us—my grandmother's house—are the only cousins in that generation that are left on that plot of land on Waikalua Road in Kane'ohe. Without the security that landownership provides, many in my family have subsequently moved away. That original 10-home, multi-acre lot in the middle of Kane'ohe on the island of O'ahu is worth far more than the estate tax limit.

"So, as noted by the WAM chair, this bill will address many issues, including the one I just articulated. It will also help, as he noted, with the passage of legacy businesses within local families. These processes, as noted in reports, will likely result in the foregoing of tax revenue from families with substantial assets but also not necessarily cash means. From that perspective, this is a difficult issue that I'm wrestling with, but I will also say that those who stand to benefit from this bill are not the wealthiest among us in Hawai'i, although they are likely wealthy. The wealthiest are by and large not state residents. They mostly don't fall within this estate tax scenario and are actually benefiting tremendously from the advantages our state system provides to the ultra-wealthy.

"For those reasons, I've pursued many efforts related to progressive land taxation and empowering the counties, for example, to take better action or more aggressive action around regulating land use themselves, like regulating short-term rentals. It is also part of the reason why I agreed to hold a hearing on a bill that obtained 2,500 pieces of testimony from residents who were frustrated and angry about having to compete with global outside wealth and power to acquire land

assets in Hawai'i. So that's why I support this bill and I worked to pass it out of committee, and I will continue to support it and ask my colleagues to join me in that effort. Thank you."

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

"May I have the comments from the good senator—the chair of the WAM committee—the comments into the Journal as if it was mine? Mahalo." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

"I put away my cordless mic because I wasn't going to speak, but I was so moved by the senator from Kāne'ohe. I know I don't live in his 'ohana's area, but I want to insert his comments into the Journal as my own. Thank you, Senate President." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3818 was adopted and H.B. No. 2653, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ESTATE TAX," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Shimabukuro). Noes, 2 (Chang, Rhoads).

THIRD READING

MATTER DEFERRED FROM EARLIER ON THE CALENDAR

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3769 (H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3769 was adopted and H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, McKelvey). Noes, 1 (Awa).

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following House concurrent resolutions that were received:

- H.C.R. No.: Re-referred to:
- H.C.R. No. 15 Committee on Government Operations
- H.C.R. No. 29 Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Government Operations
- H.C.R. No. 49 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations
- H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations
- H.C.R. No. 133, H.D. 1 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- H.C.R. No. 157 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations
- H.C.R. No. 196 Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2024.