

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Monday, April 22, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:43 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Fifty-Fourth Day.

At this time, Senator Kidani introduced staff members of the Senate Majority Research Office who were present in the gallery: Fredrick Akau; Blake Anderson; Michael Delicata; Amanda Fife; Yuko Funaki, Noah Holck; Elizabeth Kor; Scott Matsuda; Maggy McGary; Lei Sison; Effie Steiger; and Kacie Manabe, who had assisted the Committee on Education and had always been first in filing their Senate bills.

Senator Kanuha recognized a group of students visiting from Kahakai Elementary School, his alma mater, in Kona. Senator Kanuha noted that the students were student council officers or members of Aloha Ambassadors, a student leadership group. Joining the students in the gallery were their chaperones: parent and community networking coordinators Rikki Grace and Blacie Elvenia and vice principals Yuki "Ka'ea" Lyons-Yglesias and Joy Personius. Senator Kanuha requested that the names of the students be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Student Council: Xander Johnson, Sachika Lee, Ari Ross, Jason "KJ" Lelewi, and Alia Costales.

"Aloha Ambassadors: Mia Moore, Kaleia Yoro, Tori Tabbada, Nicholas Cranwell, DJ Florentino, and Makana Reyes-Ramirez."

Senator Kanuha then introduced members of his staff who were seated in the gallery: Poni Daines, Eseta Malufau, and Iokepa Command.

Senator Aquino welcomed hard-working caregivers from the Adult Foster Homecare Association who were present in the gallery.

The Chair acknowledged Jeanine Jones, interim director of the Senate Majority Research Office, who was seated on the floor.

The Chair then thanked Senate staff for their hard work and led the members in a round of applause.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 765, 1108, and 1109) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 765, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of KENNETH PUGH to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, under Gov. Msg. No. 625, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 765, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 625 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 1108, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1950 as Act 8, entitled: "RELATING TO KIMCHI DAY," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 1109, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2354, S.D. 1 as Act 9, entitled: "RELATING TO ALCOHOL," was placed on file.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 779 to 792) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 779, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Gates, Tarnas, Kahaloa, co-chairs; Takayama, Souza.

S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Woodson, Matayoshi, Morikawa, co-chairs; La Chica, Garcia.

S.B. No. 2079 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Gates, Kahaloa, co-chairs; Aiu, Ward.

S.B. No. 2182 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Ichiyama, Poepoe, co-chairs; Aiu, Garrett, Souza.

S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Tam, Alcos.

S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, co-chairs; Kila, Takayama, Matsumoto.

S.B. No. 2753 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Nakashima, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Ward.

S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Nishimoto, co-chairs; Todd, Souza.

S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Gates, Nakashima, Lamosao, co-chairs; Aiu, Ward,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 780, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Ichiyama, Belatti, Sayama, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Takenouchi, Garcia.

H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Evslin, Tarnas, Aiu, co-chairs; Kitagawa, Miyake, Takayama, Matsumoto.

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

Representatives Tarnas, Nakashima, co-chairs; Evslin, Tam, Pierick.

H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Todd, Nakashima, Morikawa, co-chairs; Takenouchi, Garcia.

H.B. No. 2496, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, co-chairs; Kapela, Alcos.

H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Gates, Yamashita, co-chairs; Aiu, Kahaloo, Ward.

H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Nakashima, Yamashita, co-chairs; Aiu, Tam, Pierick.

H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Nakashima, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Nishimoto, Tam, Pierick,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 781, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 11, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2); and
H.B. No. 2393, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1),

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 782, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed the following House bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2489, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 2, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and
H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 783, returning S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 784, returning S.C.R. No. 34, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 785, returning S.C.R. No. 115, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 786, returning S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 787, returning S.C.R. No. 183, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 788, returning S.C.R. No. 213, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 2024, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 789, returning S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 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.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 790, returning S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 19, 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.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair then announced:

“Conferees will be named at a later date.”

Hse. Com. No. 791, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Ichiyama, Matayoshi, Poepoe, co-chairs; Kila, M. Mizuno, Souza.

S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, co-chairs; Morikawa, Onishi, Matsumoto.

S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Perruso, Yamashita, co-chairs; Garrett, Lamosao, Ward.

S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Cochran, co-chairs; Garrett, Kila, Ward.

S.B. No. 2575 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Poepoe, co-chairs; Cochran, Ward.

S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Sayama, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Morikawa, Tam, Pierick.

S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Sayama, Tarnas, Yamashita, co-chairs; Kila, Miyake, Ward.

S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, co-chairs; Martinez, Sayama, Alcos.

S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Todd, Sayama, Kila, co-chairs; Matsumoto.

S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Yamashita, chair; Cochran, Kahaloa, Kila, Kitagawa, Miyake, Poepoe, Ward.

S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Ichiyama, Poepoe, co-chairs; Kahaloa, Morikawa, Souza.

S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, co-chairs; La Chica, M. Mizuno.

S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Sayama, Yamashita, co-chairs; Morikawa, Tam, Pierick,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 792, informing the Senate that on April 19, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Evslin, Ichiyama, Tarnas, co-chairs; Aiu, Miyake, Takayama, Matsumoto.

H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2 (S.D. 3):

Representatives Gates, Nakashima, Kahaloa, co-chairs; Miyake, Nishimoto, Pierick.

H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Poepoe, Tarnas, Kila, co-chairs; Garrett, Ichiyama, Souza.

H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Poepoe, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Ward.

H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Nakashima, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Tam, Ward.

H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Tarnas, Poepoe, co-chairs; Aiu, Kila, Ward,

was placed on file.

SENATE COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Sen. Com. No. 3) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Sen. Com. No. 3, notice to Governor dated April 19, 2024, transmitting S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, which

proposes an amendment to the Hawai'i State Constitution and reads as follows:

"April 19, 2024

The Honorable Josh Green
Governor of the State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Green:

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, written notice is hereby given of the final form of the following bill, a copy of which is attached hereto:

S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1
"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MAKE THE SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS MORE UNIFORM."

Respectfully,
/s/ Carol Taniguchi
CAROL TANIGUCHI
Clerk of the Senate"

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3917) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NEIL HANNAHS to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 728.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3917 and Gov. Msg. No. 728 was deferred until Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3918) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NICHOLAI BARCA to the Game Management Advisory Commission (nominee's name amended to NICOLAI BARCA by Gov. Msg. No. 689), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 647.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3918 and Gov. Msg. No. 647 was deferred until Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3919) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission of the following:

ELIZABETH ROBINSON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 641; and

JOHN SINTON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 679.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3919 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 641 and 679 was deferred until Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3920) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority of the following:

JOSHUA MANGAUIL, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 729;

GARY KRUG, JR., in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 730; and

POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 731.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3920 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 729, 730, and 731 was deferred until Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3921) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority of the following:

MUFI HANNEMANN (chairperson designation removed by Gov. Msg. No. 755), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 702; and

BLAINE MIYASATO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 703.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3921 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 702 and 703 was deferred until Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

**ORDER OF THE DAY
ADVISE AND CONSENT**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3891 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 666 and 677):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3891 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Disability and Communication Access Board of the following:

GERALD ISOBE, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 666); and

GERALD OHTA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 677),

seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3892 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 672, 673, and 674):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3892 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators of the following:

WILLIAM WHALEY, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 672);

IAN ICHIMURA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 673); and

ZHAOHUI WANG, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 674),

seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3893 (Gov. Msg. No. 548):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3893 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HANNAH PRESTON-PITA to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3894 (Gov. Msg. No. 551):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3894 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TRISHA KAJIMURA to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3895 (Gov. Msg. No. 553):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3895 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RAHNA BOYER to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3896 (Gov. Msg. No. 554):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3896 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHERIE CHU to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3897 (Gov. Msg. No. 670):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3897 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WENDY BOTELHO-CORTEZ to the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3898 (Gov. Msg. No. 695):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3898 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHAEL CHINA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), term to expire June 30, 2028 (term to expire amended to June 30, 2025, by Gov. Msg. No. 749), seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3899 (Gov. Msg. No. 696):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3899 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MIKI'ALA LIDSTONE to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kalaeloa District), term to expire June 30, 2025, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3900 (Gov. Msg. No. 697):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3900 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GLENN YAMASAKI KIMURA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District), term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3901 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 698 and 699):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3901 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Land Use Commission of the following:

MYLES MIYASATO, term to expire June 30, 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 698); and

KEN HAYASHIDA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 699),

seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

Senator San Buenaventura introduced the following newly confirmed members of boards and commissions who were present in the gallery: Wendy Botelho-Cortez of the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board, who was joined by her friend Martha Rodillas; Gerald Ohta of the Disability and

Communication Access Board; and Trisha Kajimura of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3902 (Gov. Msg. No. 594):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3902 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RYAN KANAKA'OLE as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, term to expire December 31, 2026 (term expiration date amended to December 7, 2026, by Gov. Msg. No. 693), seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

"With a career spanning governmental roles and a profound commitment to Hawai'i's land and people, Mr. Kanaka'ole brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the position. Hailing from Wai'ohinu, Ka'u, on the Big Island, his upbringing provides him with a deep-rooted understanding of the cultural and environmental nuances crucial to DLNR's mission. His legal background, including a juris doctor and a certificate in Native Hawaiian law, coupled with his extensive work at the attorney general's office uniquely position him to navigate the complex legal landscapes and steward DLNR's diverse holdings effectively. Furthermore, his recent tenure as the interim DLNR deputy director showcases his readiness to assume the responsibilities of the position, evidenced by his instrumental role in legislative coordination and proactive engagement in wildfire recovery initiatives. In light of his exceptional qualifications and unwavering dedication to Hawai'i's lands and people, I urge this esteemed chamber to vote in favor of Mr. Kanaka'ole's confirmation. Mahalo."

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

"Mr. President, I have written remarks I'd like to have inserted into the Journal in support of G.M. 594, Ryan Kanaka'ole, and I also urge the rest of my colleagues to support this nominee."

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

"Mr. President, I am honored to express my strong support for GM594, nominating Mr. Ryan Kanaka'ole for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

"Mr. Kanaka'ole possesses a profound understanding of Hawai'i's governmental landscape, having served in various public service roles at both the County and State levels. As a Native Hawaiian from the Ka'u District on Hawai'i Island, he brings a vital Neighbor Island perspective to DLNR, which is crucial for addressing the complex challenges associated with stewarding Hawai'i's land and natural resources.

"Mr. Kanaka'ole's commitment to public service is matched by his deep sense of kuleana towards Hawai'i's lands. He has been a staunch advocate for environmental law, traditional and customary rights, Native Hawaiian law and policies, and issues related to public lands and the public-trust doctrine.

"Given his extensive experience and unwavering dedication, I am confident that Mr. Ryan Kanaka'ole is exceptionally qualified to serve as Deputy Director of DLNR. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting GM594. Mahalo."

Senator Chang rose to request that remarks in opposition to the nominee be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"I stand in opposition to the confirmation of nominee Ryan Kanaka'ole as Deputy Director for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

"Hawaii's severe housing shortage is our most pressing public policy priority. Decades of undersupply in the housing market have rendered housing prices out of reach for all but the very wealthy. As a result, we have experienced seven straight years of population decline. There are more Hawaii-born college graduates residing outside Hawaii than in Hawaii and more Native Hawaiians living outside Hawaii than in Hawaii. Most locals can no longer dream of owning a home working just one job. I do not want another day to go by in which a local family must move out of state due to our shortage of housing.

"DLNR is well situated to contribute significantly to a state-wide solution to the housing shortage. It owns valuable land in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) zones along the rail line, notably in East Kapolei. These are critical areas for housing development. But DLNR has consistently opted against utilizing this land for housing purposes, instead arguing that it must build commercial and industrial developments for revenue-generating purposes.

"In our conversations, Mr. Kanaka'ole advocated for this DLNR agenda that fails to address the dire need for housing in our state. Despite his background as an attorney for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) and deputy attorney general for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Mr. Kanaka'ole demonstrated a reluctance to repurpose its East Kapolei lands near rail for housing. It is unacceptable that the department and its Deputy Director continue to use these limited lands for warehouses and other commercial development, rather than housing.

"It is imperative that our state takes decisive action to ensure that each resident has the opportunity to thrive and prosper in this unique place we call home. Thank you."

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

"I rise in support of the candidate."

The Chair asked Senator Richards if he would like to insert comments into the Journal.

Senator Richards rose and stated:

"I support the candidate. I'm keeping it brief."

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

"I stand in support of G.M. 94—594, sorry. My glasses made me blurry, but my vision is not blurry in the candidate's ability to help straighten out problems that we have at DLNR. We all know we have our issues, and we stand firm and strong that he's going to bring transparency and clarity to the division, so, again—and then I want to insert additional comments to the Journal, Senate President."

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

"After speaking to Deputy Director Kanaka'ole, I am counting on him to help DLNR be more responsive in addressing pressing DLNR issues for the State. I have high expectations of him and I look forward to working with the Deputy Director."

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

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Chang). Excused, 1 (Lee).

Senator Inouye introduced Deputy Director Ryan Kanaka'ole, who was present in the gallery with his wife, Kaipo Kaawaloa; daughter Mamane Kaawaloa; son Holei Kaawaloa; mother, Cheryl Maesaka; sister Tristan Maesaka; father-in-law, Lynol Kaawaloa; mother-in-law, Dawn Kaawaloa; sister-in-law Lindsey Kaawaloa; nephews Eli Ka'imi Smith and Froy 'Ekolu Smith III; sister-in-law Laura Palea; nieces Mia Palea and Hope Palea; uncle Lyle Maesaka; friends of the family Lanea Snow Naeole, Samuel Taylor, Gaison Ontai, Jennifer Ontai, and Patrick Pihana Branco; and Lianne Aoki McBride, Craig Iha, Matthew Dvonch, and Alyssa-Marie Kau from the Department of the Attorney General.

Senator Inouye then introduced the following newly confirmed members of boards and commissions: Michael China, Miki'ala Lidstone, and Glenn Yamasaki Kimura of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA), who were seated in the gallery with HCDA executive director Craig Nakamoto and HCDA staff; and Myles Miyasato of the Land Use Commission (LUC), who was present in the gallery with LUC executive director Dan Orodener and LUC members, 'ohana, and staff.

FINAL ADOPTION

S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND THE PRIORITY FOR WHICH LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS ARE ALLOCATED AND MONIES IN THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND ARE USED AND ADOPT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT INCENTIVIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE," was Finally Adopted.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3881 (H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR CONSTRUCTION, USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF STEPS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3882 (H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO AMEND OR ADOPT ORDINANCES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S RULES REGARDING RESIDENTIAL INCOME REQUIREMENTS AND AFFORDABILITY TERMS ON HOUSING PROJECTS OR SUBSIDIZE ANY RESULTING REVENUE SHORTFALL TO THE HOUSING PROJECT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3883 (H.C.R. No. 122):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 122, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO AMEND OR ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, OR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON PARCELS THAT MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3884 (H.C.R. No. 161):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 161, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RELEVANT STATE LAWS GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3885 (H.C.R. No. 29):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3886 (H.C.R. No. 81):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 81, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 15, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, TO CLARIFY THAT COMPENSATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES UNDER THE STATE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW IS DISTINCT FROM COMPENSATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES AND SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3887 (H.C.R. No. 80):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 80, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOB POSTINGS AND PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3888 (H.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO CONSULT BENEFICIARIES OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT REGARDING ALTERNATIVE WAITLIST AND AWARD PRIORITIZATION BASED ON LINEAL AND GENERATIONAL DESCENDANCY FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LOCATED IN HANA, MAUI," was adopted, with Senator Fevella voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3889 (H.C.R. No. 131):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 131, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A TEN-YEAR PLAN TO SATISFY HAWAII'S HOUSING DEMAND," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3890 (H.C.R. No. 84, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 84, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER PATHWAY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS SEEKING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE LAWS AND RULES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3903 (H.C.R. No. 205):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 205, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3904 (H.C.R. No. 172, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 172, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO PATIENT TRANSFER AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EVALUATE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3905 (H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF EACH COUNTY, HUMANE SOCIETIES IN EACH COUNTY, AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO COLLABORATE TO CREATE AND DISSEMINATE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE DANGERS OF, AND ADVOCATE AGAINST THE USE OF, ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, PETS, AND WILDLIFE," was adopted, with Senator Awa voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3906 (H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR ROCKFALL MITIGATION IN MOANALUA GARDENS AND MOANALUA VALLEY, OAHU," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3907 (H.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1):

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

H.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN INCARCERATED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3908 (H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF XYLAZINE TESTING STRIPS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3909 (H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3910 (H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES FOR NURSE STAFFING IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3911 (H.C.R. No. 184):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 184, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP," was adopted, with Senator Fevella voting "Aye with Reservations."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3912 (H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII," was adopted, with Senator Fevella voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3913 (H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS," was adopted, with Senators Awa and Fevella voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3914 (H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENTS AND PAYMENTS TO HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES PROVIDERS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3915 (H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT RATE FOR HAWAII'S COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES AND EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS IN 2032 AND EVERY TEN YEARS THEREAFTER," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3916 (H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3916 and H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 be adopted, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Fevella requested that remarks in support of the resolution be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"I have strongly supported the Makakilo Drive Extension in the past and continue to support this project. However, I have concerns about the way this measure was changes through the legislative process when compared with the original version of HCR 62.

"HCR62 passed out of the House as a measure to urge the DOT and the City and County of Honolulu to place speed bumps along the Kapolei Parkway area. HCR62 was replaced with the language from SCR 110 requesting that the City and County of Honolulu transfer the Makakilo Extension Drive to the State.

"At this point, I am supporting this measure because something better came along in what was deemed to be the Makakilo Drive Extension."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO TRANSFER TO THE STATE THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT A MAKAKILO DRIVE EXTENSION," was adopted.

FINAL READING

S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

Senator Rhoads moved that S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Elefante rose to request that remarks in opposition to the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Considering new information from constituents I represent and the testimonies in opposition from the Attorney General and county prosecutors, I share their concerns and will not be able to vote in support of S.B. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1. Thank you, Mr. President."

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

"This bill raises the minimum amount of marijuana for the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree from 28 grams to 30 grams. If a joint is a third of a gram, this is an increase of six joints. The measure also increases the amount of marijuana promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree from 3 grams to 15 grams—that amounts to 36 joints. Illegal marijuana is unregulated, untested, and untaxed. This creates a significant public health concern. It also contains pesticides, trace elements of metals like lead and nickel, and other toxic chemicals. Decreasing penalties for illegal marijuana sends a message to our keiki and the community that this drug is harmless. It is not. It is a threat to our number one industry, tourism, especially the Asian visitor market, and will impact my district in Waikiki as well as the rest of the state.

"To this day, none of the agencies responsible for health and safety of our communities support expanding marijuana use and, particularly, personal use. In fact, as more data come in, we learn cannabis is even more dangerous to the public's health and safety than tobacco or alcohol use. States that have legalized marijuana report the availability of legalized cannabis products correlates with increased incidents of driving under the influence resulting in increased motor accidents causing injury and death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has already warned that cannabis causes harm to developing young brains, including difficulty thinking and maintaining a healthy social life.

"You may have received messages from the Institute for Human Services (IHS) Director Connie Mitchell, who works tirelessly with homeless individuals trying to find them a better place, and especially those who have mental illness and co-occurring drug abuse. She says that she has personally seen too much schizophrenia precipitated by marijuana use among younger people, and marijuana these days is more potent and often laced with other drugs like ecstasy, fentanyl, or meth. Dr. Landis Lum, the physician who heads the IHS detox program, also wrote us that THC use increases heart attacks, strokes, and even lung and testicular cancers. It also impairs judgment and slows reaction times and, like alcohol, causes increased injuries and fatalities from car crashes, falls from stairs and ladders, and so forth. So, with this and many other studies that are now coming in, I ask my colleagues to vote 'no.' Mahalo."

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

"Mr. President, may I have the comments from the previous speaker—the good senator of Kaka'ako—entered into the Journal as if it was mine? Mahalo." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

"Since I came into this square building, we tried to stop young children from smoking cigarettes and using flavored

tobacco, and also now, we are lowering the blood quantum on the use of alcohol—and then now, here we are, having a bill like this that just goes forward. Just remember, I am not a promoter of any illegal drugs. I'm not a promoter of any alcohol. But I'm telling you right now, we're going backwards because we're telling the kids, 'No vape, no tobacco, no flavored tobacco, lower the blood quantum for DUIs,' and then here we are with this bill. So that's why I'm in opposition to this bill. Thank you, Senate President."

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

"I'm going to have to rise in opposition to this, but not for reasons which some of the previous speakers have given. My concern is that this situation's playing out in other states. The Senate sent a very good, reasonable recreational legalization bill with guardrails over to the other chamber. In other states where the rush to decriminalization is outpacing their own recreational/medical marijuana market, you could have a black market that could explode, thereby undercutting and creating all the safety hazards that the bill that we sent over would have addressed. And so, because of that—and I think this measure should be discussed in context with that this summer in a working group—I can't support it. Aloha."

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

"Decriminalization is very different from legalization. It's been stated before, we have guardrails around if we go legalization. My concern is some of the health concerns that have been raised by my colleagues, so I'll be voting 'no.' Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and failed to carry, and S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARIJUANA," having been read throughout, failed to pass Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Shimabukuro). Noes, 15 (Aquino, DeCoite, Elefante, Fevella, Fukunaga, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, McKelvey, Moriwaki, Richards, Wakai). Excused, 1 (Lee).

S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Fevella). Excused, 1 (Lee).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1.

Senator San Buenaventura moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 11, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

“This current version is a version agreed upon by all advocates, which is a rare situation, so I suggest that we accept it. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

At this time, Senator Gabbard wished the members a happy Earth Day and encouraged them to hug a tree, surf, swim, or hike their favorite trail. Senator Gabbard noted that this was his 16th session chairing the environment committee and thanked colleagues who had been voting in favor of bills that help protect the ‘āina and keep paradise paradise.

The Chair responded:

“Senator Gabbard: Hemp, hemp, hooray!”

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The decking deadline for the executive and judiciary budget bills in conference is 11:30 p.m. tonight.”

APPOINTMENT AND DISCHARGE OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Shimabukuro, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; DeCoite, Wakai, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Rhoads, Lee, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3 (H.D. 1):

The President appointed Senator Richards as co-chair and discharged Senator Keohokalole as co-chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3.

S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Shimabukuro, chair; Inouye, Rhoads, co-chairs; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2600 (H.D. 1):

The President appointed Senator Richards as chair and discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair on the part of the

Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2600.

S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Moriwaki, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Lee, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Moriwaki, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Moriwaki, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Aquino, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Wakai, Lee, Rhoads, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs; Elefante as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Lee, Wakai, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Inouye, Keohokalole, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President appointed Senator Wakai as chair, and discharged Senator Elefante as chair and appointed him as co-chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Inouye, Gabbard, DeCoite, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2 (S.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; DeCoite, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President appointed Senator Richards as chair and discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1.

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

The President appointed Senator Richards as chair and discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1.

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

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair, and discharged Senator Richards as manager and appointed him as chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President appointed Senator Hashimoto as co-chair and discharged Senator Moriwaki as co-chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Rhoads as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Lee, co-chair; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

At 12:14 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried unanimously, the Senate stood in recess, and the Clerk was authorized to receive conference committee reports on H.B. No. 1800 and H.B. No. 1911.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:00 a.m. midnight, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024.