

FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 10:03 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

The Chair stated:

"Anybody following the Order of the Day: We'd normally get into introductions now. However, we have two time-sensitive issues, so we are going to take up a motion to reconsider House Bill 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, and then we are going to take up floor amendments so they can be decked for 48 hours to be voted for on Friday, and then we will resume to introductions and the rest of the Order of the Day as it's been presented. Hearing no objections, Madam Clerk, can we start with Miscellaneous Business, please?"

The Clerk announced:

"We are moving to page 45, Miscellaneous Business. Reconsideration of Previous Action."

ORDER OF THE DAY

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1

Senator Kanuha moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on Friday, April 26, 2024, in passing H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 on Final Reading, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Kanuha then moved that H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 be placed on the fiscal ordinary calendar for further action later that morning, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Kanuha noted:

"Mr. President, this motion is being offered to ensure consistency with past Senate practice regarding the passage of appropriation bills, and I urge my colleagues to support it."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," was deferred until the beginning of the fiscal ordinary calendar.

The Clerk announced:

"On page 14, Floor Amendments."

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85-24 (S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Kim moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

Senator Kim then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 6) to S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 9, is amended by amending page 17, lines 5 to 9, to read as follows:

"SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024; provided that the amendments made to section 304A-3003, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 4 of this Act shall apply only to contracts entered into by the research corporation of the university of Hawaii after June 30, 2024."

Senator Kim moved that Floor Amendment No. 6 be adopted, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

"Mr. President, this bill was a carryover measure in the House, and in the final draft, an error was made in correcting the date that grandfathered any contracts that would have been entered into up until the time this measure is passed, and we didn't want to affect any contracts become null and void because of this. And so, therefore, the date was June 30, 2023. It is now June 30, 2024."

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 6 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Kim then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85-24 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182-24 (S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator San Buenaventura then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 7) to S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, section 1, is amended by amending page 1, line 4, to page 2, line 3, to read as follows:

"§457- Temporary permit. (a) The board may issue a temporary permit to a practical nurse or registered nurse licensed in another jurisdiction who:

- (1) Completes an application on a form prescribed by the board;
- (2) Pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by administrative rules;
- (3) Provides proof of a valid and unencumbered license in another state, territory, or country by way of a license verification from the other state, territory, or country, or Nursys license verification report as prescribed by administrative rules; and
- (4) The board has determined that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority."

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, section 1, is amended by amending page 3, lines 1 to 3 to read as follows:

“(4) The board has determined that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority.”

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, section 1, is amended by amending page 3, lines 12 to 17, to read as follows:

“(e) Beginning July 1, 2025, notwithstanding sections 457-7 and 457-8, an out-of-state registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may apply for a temporary permit based on the requirements of subsections (a) or (b), simultaneously with an application for a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in the State.”

SECTION 4. Senate Bill No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, section 8, is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.”

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Floor Amendment No. 7 be adopted, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

“The amendments are numerous, which are the following: On page 1, line 15, add the word ‘and’ to the end of section 1(a)(3). On page 1, lines 16 to 17, remove the current language in section 1(a)(4) and insert the following language: ‘The board has determined that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority.’ On page 2, lines 1 to 3, remove the entirety of section 1(a)(5). On page 3, lines 1 to 3, remove the current language in section 1(b)(4); insert the following language: ‘The board has determined that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority.’ On page 9, lines 15 to 16, remove the words ‘July 1, 2024; provided that section 1 shall take effect on’ in section 8 so that the effective date is simply January 1, 2025.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 7 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182-24 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSES,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188-24 (H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Aquino moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

Senator Aquino then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 8) to H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 4 to:

- (1) Increase the amount and percentage by which the state general fund expenditure ceiling will be exceeded as a result of the appropriations contained in this measure; and
- (2) Make a technical, nonsubstantive amendment on page 3, line 6,

to read as follows:

“SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be

exceeded by \$323,323,869 or 3.1 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest; and
- (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs addressed by this Act.”

Senator Aquino moved that Floor Amendment No. 8 be adopted, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

“This floor amendment makes corrections to the dollar amount in the expenditure ceiling declaration. This is necessary to allow the Legislature to exceed the general fund expenditure ceiling.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 8 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188-24 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried.

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189-24 (S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Hashimoto.

Senator Wakai then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 9) to S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by amending Section 2 of the bill to read:

“SECTION 2. (a) In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$323,323,869 or 3.1 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$221,189,453 or 2.1 per cent. The combined total amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$544,513,322 or 5.2 per cent.

(b) In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$221,189,453 or 2.1 per cent.

(c) The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest; and
- (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs addressed by this Act.”

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by amending Section 7(a) of the bill to read:

“SECTION 7. (a) The department of human services is authorized to fund six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) temporary positions to be funded by federal funds.”

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by inserting a new section after Section 8 of the bill to read:

“SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$424,344 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to establish six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) permanent positions in the Hawaii emergency management agency for Maui wildfire recovery and emergency support functions.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii emergency management agency (DEF 118) for the purposes of this section.”

SECTION 4. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 as Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

SECTION 5. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering the existing Section 16 as Section 17 and further amending it to read:

“SECTION 17. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, as amended by House Bill 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, passed by the legislature during the regular session of 2024, is amended as follows:

1. By amending Part II, section 3, item A-24 to read:
 “24. BED160 - HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

OPERATING	BED	150,000,000A	[230,000,000A]	
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	BED	3,100,000N	3,100,000N	
		23.00*	23.00*	
		45.00#	45.00#	
	BED	13,533,889W	14,046,265W	
	BED	3,000,000P	3,000,000P	
INVESTMENT				
CAPITAL	BED	45,000,000C		C”

2. By adding two new sections to Part III to read:

“SECTION _____. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for the Hawaii association of conservation districts (LNR141), the sum of \$400,000 or so much thereof as is necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 shall be expended in accordance with chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in areas affected by Hurricane Dora in 2023; provided further that:

- (1) The moneys shall be used to match extramural funding for stormwater management for drought resiliency and reducing wildfire risk;
- (2) No later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025, the department of land and natural resources shall submit a report to the legislature accounting for the usage of funds; and
- (3) These funds are deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing or reimbursement.

SECTION _____. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for amelioration of natural disasters (DEF110), the sum of \$194,000 or so much thereof as is necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 shall be expended for civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may include search and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.”

3. By adding a new section to Part V to read:

“SECTION _____. Provided that the sums appropriated to the county of Maui (SUB401) for wildfire recovery projects in this act denoted in section 7 as items K-18.1, K-18.2, K-18.3, K-18.4, K-18.5, K-18.6, K-18.7, and K-18.8 shall be expended by the county of Maui for the purposes of this Act; provided

further that the county of Maui shall reimburse the State for all debt service including principal, interest, and any other debt-related costs for the reimbursable general obligation bonds; provided further that any debt service reimbursements received by the State may be paid from tax revenue or any other source received by the county of Maui, and from reimbursements to the county of Maui by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as allowed by law.””

SECTION 6. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering the existing Section 17 as Section 18.

SECTION 7. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by inserting a new section after the existing Section 17 of the bill to read:

“SECTION 19. Act 257, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, as amended by Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended by amending sections 1 and 2 to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. ~~[There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be deposited into the school facilities special fund.]~~ Repealed.

SECTION 2. ~~[There is appropriated out of the school facilities special fund the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the school facilities authority to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children of the State. The school facilities authority may expend the moneys appropriated in this section on:~~

- ~~(1) The construction of new school facilities;~~
- ~~(2) The renovation, improvement, and expansion of existing school facilities to increase pre-kindergarten student capacity; and~~
- ~~(3) Any other costs the school facilities authority deems appropriate to increase pre-kindergarten student capacity within the State.~~

~~The sum appropriated shall be expended by the school facilities authority for the purposes of this Act; provided that the appropriation authorized by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided further that the appropriation authorized by this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2024.]~~ Repealed.”

SECTION 8. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering the existing Section 18 as Section 20.

SECTION 9. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering the existing Section 19 as Section 21 and further amending it to read:

“SECTION 21. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.”

SECTION 10. Senate Bill No. 3068, S.D.1, H.D.1, C.D. 1 is amended by renumbering the existing Section 20 as Section 22.

Senator Wakai moved that Floor Amendment No. 9 be adopted, seconded by Senator Hashimoto.

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

“Mr. President, members, this floor amendment is needed for six specific reasons. It will lapse the \$230 million in general funds for BED170, which was converted to GO bonds in H.B. 1800, C.D. 1. It will also lapse the \$200 million in general funds for the school facilities agency since a hundred million dollars was converted to GO bonds in H.B. 1800, C.D. 1. It will also correct six FTEs being appropriated to the Department of Human Services in section 7 so they are federally funded. It will also correct six FTEs and \$424,344 in general funds for HI-EMA, not the Department of Human Services. It will also change the program ID in section 16 for Defense 101 to Defense 110. And, lastly, it will add additional language to the

expenditure ceiling declaration to include aggregate totals from H.B. 40 and S.B. 3068.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 9 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Wakai then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189-24 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190-24 (H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Aquino moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

Senator Aquino then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 10) to H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended deleting part I of the bill.

SECTION 2. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by redesignating parts II and III as parts I and II, respectively.

SECTION 3. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by appropriately renumbering certain section references accordingly.

SECTION 4. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by adding a new part on page 3 to read as follows:

“PART III

SECTION 5. There are appropriated from the sources of funding indicated below to administration (JUD 601) the following sums or so much thereof as may be necessary to fund for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 all collective bargaining cost items in the agreement negotiated with the exclusive representative of collective bargaining units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts:

	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>
General funds	-0-	1,709,922

SECTION 6. Funds appropriated by this part shall be expended by the chief justice in the respective fiscal year for the purposes of this part.”

SECTION 5. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 11, is amended by renumbering it as section 12 and making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment on page 6, line 6.

SECTION 6. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 13, is amended by renumbering it as section 14 and amending section 14 to read as follows:

“SECTION 14. (a) In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$323,323,869 or 3.1 per cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$365,395,743 or 3.3 per cent. The combined total amount of

general fund appropriations contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$688,719,612 or 6.4 per cent.

(b) In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$365,395,743 or 3.3 per cent.

(c) The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- (1) The appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest; and
- (2) The appropriations made in this Act meet the needs addressed by this Act.”

SECTION 7. House Bill No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, section 14, is amended by renumbering it as section 15 and to read as follows:

“SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.”

Senator Aquino moved that Floor Amendment No. 10 be adopted, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

“This floor amendment is necessary to include UPW employees under bargaining units 1 and 10 that have temporary-hazard-pay-duty settlements with the Judiciary. The floor amendment also inserts additional language to the expenditure ceiling declaration to include aggregate totals from House Bill 40, Senate Bill 3068, and House Bill 2374.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 10 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190-24 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried.

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 3, 2024.

The Clerk announced:

“Mr. President, we are on Approval of the Journal.”

At this time, Senator Shimabukuro introduced students from Nānākuli High & Intermediate School’s participation in democracy and great America problems class. Accompanying them in the gallery were their kumu Julie Reyes Oda and educational assistant Selma Amaral. Senator Shimabukuro requested that the students’ names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Addeson Akuna, Caleb Colbum, Richard Federico, Talitonu Keohuhu, Dylan Levey, Daven Melchor, Kingston Salausa, Ajadyden Sylvia-Kanagusuku-Curlee, Dennis Lolani, Angelika Kaeith Marcos, Moana Budomo, Rayden Akau, Anthony-Richel Fajardo, Analise Hussey-Keller, Azlyn Kalua, Rayne Akau, Erica Marie Fulgencio, Kaleokalani Gomes-McKeague, Kaylob-Joe Amaral-Palakiko, Trust Tinai, and Sunny Ramos.”

Senator Ihara recognized Virginia Beck, director of the Public Access Room (PAR), who would be retiring after nineteen years at PAR, nine as director. Senator Ihara’s chief of staff, Melissa Vomvoris, presented Ms. Beck with a joint House–Senate certificate extolling Ms. Beck’s achievements at PAR. Joining Ms. Beck in the gallery were Legislative

Reference Bureau director Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, incoming PAR coordinator Andy Langhurst Eikholt, PAR assistant researcher Courtney Mrowczynski, and PAR assistant coordinator Keanu Young. Senator Ihara noted that, with her PAR team, Ms. Beck had expanded the reach of state legislative services by conducting workshops on neighbor islands, increased testimonies from neighbor-island residents, and produced an easily accessible, national award-winning website. Senator Ihara then conveyed best wishes and appreciation to Ms. Beck.

Senator Kidani explained that members would be presenting that year's Citizen-Scholars awardees. Senator Kidani noted that the program was a collaboration between the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA), the state Department of Education (DOE), and the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*. Senator Kidani acknowledged DOE Superintendent Keith Hayashi and HLTA President Mufi Hannemann, who were seated in the gallery. Senator Kidani detailed how the program selected 42 students, one from each public high school in the state, to receive \$1,000 in scholarship funds from HLTA sponsor organizations; how, out of those students, four scholars were chosen to represent their respective counties and received an additional \$2,500; and how one male and one female student were recognized as the top two students of that year's class and received an extra \$5,000.

Senator Fevella introduced the Citizen-Scholars' top female student that year, Alanna Nicole Rillorta, who was present in the gallery. Senator Fevella noted that Ms. Rillorta was from Campbell High School and planned to attend Princeton University. Senator Fevella explained that Ms. Rillorta aimed to be a physician-scientist and that she was a member of the Voices of Campbell Ohana, math team, STEM enrichment club, and National Honor Society and had participated on the soft tennis team. Senator Fevella described how Ms. Rillorta's "reason for science" was embedded in becoming the first in her family, as the daughter of two Filipino immigrants, to enter the research field and make science and healthcare more accessible and comprehensible.

Senator Inouye recognized the top male student of the Citizen-Scholars Class of 2024, Bransen Hatakenaka from Hilo High School, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Inouye explained that Mr. Hatakenaka would be attending the University of Southern California, pursuing a degree in astronautical engineering, and that he had dreamed of being an aerospace engineer since he was in the eighth grade. Senator Inouye noted that Mr. Hatakenaka had completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's introduction to technology, engineering, and science semester program and had been the only participant from Hawai'i in that cohort. Senator Inouye then noted that Mr. Hatakenaka had been actively engaged in the Hawai'i State Student Council (HSSC) for three years and was currently serving as its executive chairperson.

Senator Kidani acknowledged Lehua Norris from Konawaena High School, the Citizen-Scholars winner for the County of Hawai'i. Senator Kidani noted that Ms. Norris would be attending Yale University, where she hoped to double major in ethics, politics, and economics and art history, and was currently the secretary of the HSSC. Senator Kidani explained that Ms. Norris had held internships in offices of the Hawai'i House of Representatives and U.S. Senate; was passionate about spreading awareness of the lack of access to women's healthcare in the state; and was co-founder of an environmentalist club, Kokua Lima, with which she collaborated with her school's Pacific and Asian Affairs Club to rid Kamilo Beach of over 300 pounds of debris.

On behalf of Senate President Kouchi, Senator DeCoite introduced the Citizen-Scholars winner representing Kaua'i County, Priscilla Matthews from Kaua'i High School, who was

present in the gallery. Senator DeCoite described how Ms. Matthews planned to attend Pomona College and double major in international relations and public policy analysis, attend law school, and become a child-advocate attorney. Senator DeCoite noted that Ms. Matthews had been mock trial captain, drum major, and co-founder of the women's empowerment club and had also interned for the Hawai'i House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Senator DeCoite added that Ms. Matthews had played the French horn for seven years and the piano for fourteen years and had participated in the honors band; the Kaua'i All-Island Band; and the Hawai'i All-State Marching Band, which had marched in that year's Rose Bowl Parade.

Senator Hashimoto recognized Chelsey Konno from Maui High School, the Maui County Citizen-Scholars winner, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Hashimoto explained that Ms. Konno planned to study economics or international studies at Johns Hopkins University and that she was the president of her school's National Honor Society; an intern under U.S. Senator Brian Schatz; and a student representative on the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission's Committee on Paralegals and Other Nonlawyers, where she organized resources to help the cause of the Maui wildfires. Senator Hashimoto noted that Ms. Konno competed in cybersecurity competitions; spearheaded volunteer initiatives with the Maui High School Interact Club; and engaged in legal enrichment with her mentor, Judge Joseph Cardoza.

Senator Awa acknowledged the Citizen-Scholars winner for the County of Honolulu, Kayuga "Kai" Jade Garcia de Guzman from Waialua High & Intermediate School, who was present in the gallery. Senator Awa noted that Ms. de Guzman planned to attend the University of Pennsylvania and that her life goal was to build more equitable, affordable OB/GYN care for Hawai'i's underserved women. Senator Awa added that Ms. de Guzman was a Harvard Book Prize awardee and had been recognized by Governor Green for raising awareness of injustices faced by Hawai'i's youth. Senator Awa then noted that Ms. de Guzman had ranked in the top of her class throughout high school and had been taking care of her three younger siblings since she was nine years old.

Senator Kidani congratulated the Citizen-Scholars and wished them well.

Senator McKelvey welcomed members of Lahaina Strong who were seated in the gallery. Senator McKelvey noted that the group was visiting from Lahaina "for the final show."

Senator Fevella recognized the parents of the Citizen-Scholars who were present in the gallery.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 10) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 10, letter dated April 26, 2024, requesting immediate passage of S.B. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Education for Food Services; and S.B. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Education for Charter Schools.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 825 and 826) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 825, informing the Senate that on April 26, 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. 1896, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2); and
H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 826, informing the Senate that on April 26, 2024, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and Finally Adopted the following House concurrent resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 140, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 171, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 172, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1; and
H.C.R. No. 198, S.D. 1.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3958) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee of the following:

THOMAS NOYES, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 579;

JAMES BURKE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 580;

JESSICA THOMPSON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 581; and

JEANNE TORRES, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 602.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3958 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 579, 580, 581, and 602 was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3959) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission of the following:

OLIVIA MANN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 572;

JAMIE WHITTLE-WAGNER, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 573;

CECELIA HOFFMAN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 574;

KU'ULEILANIMEKEALOHAMAU KUPAHU-MARINO KAHOANO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 575;

JERALD KEAULANA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 576; and

JAME SCHAEDEL, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 637.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3959 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, and 637 was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3960) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KONRAD NG as Chairperson of the State

Foundation on Culture & the Arts, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 577.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3960 and Gov. Msg. No. 577 was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3961) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SEAN CONNELLY to the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 578.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3961 and Gov. Msg. No. 578 was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senators Lee and McKelvey, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3962) recommending that H.C.R. No. 157 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3962 and H.C.R. No. 157, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE AIR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS ON MOLOKAI AND LĀNA'I," was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senators Lee and McKelvey, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3963) recommending that H.C.R. No. 49 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3963 and H.C.R. No. 49, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDY ALONG KALIHI STREET FROM KAMANAIKI STREET TO KALIHI VALLEY PARK," was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3964) recommending that H.C.R. No. 125, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3964 and H.C.R. No. 125, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC," was deferred until Friday, May 3, 2024.

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3943 (Gov. Msg. No. 704):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3943 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of VINCENT BARFIELD to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3944 (Gov. Msg. No. 727):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3944 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HARRY YEE to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3945 (Gov. Msg. No. 726):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3945 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CLARK HIROTA to the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3946 (Gov. Msg. No. 605):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3946 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHUNG CHANG as Strategic Broadband Coordinator of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, term to expire December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator DeCoite spoke in strong support of the nominee as follows:

"I would also like to put my strong support behind G.M. 605 (Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism nominee for strategic broadband, Mr. Chung Chang) as well as G.M. 671, gubernatorial nominee Jennifer Wilkinson. Thank you."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3947 (Gov. Msg. No. 671):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3947 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JENNIFER WILKINSON to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator DeCoite spoke in strong support of the nominee as follows:

"I would also like to put my strong support behind G.M. 605 (Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism nominee for strategic broadband, Mr. Chung Chang) as well as G.M. 671, gubernatorial nominee Jennifer Wilkinson. Thank you."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3948 (Gov. Msg. No. 736):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3948 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DAVELYN KALIPI to the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Wakai.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3949 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 608 and 609):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3949 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation of the following:

JESSE COOKE, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 608); and

JESSE COOKE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 609),

seconded by Senator Wakai.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3950 (Gov. Msg. No. 746):

Senator Shimabukuro moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3950 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried.

Senator Shimabukuro then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SANOE MARFIL to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fevella.

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

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

"I am proud to strongly support Sanoe Marfil for the Department of Hawaiian Homes Commission.

"Ms. Marfil has the expertise, experience, cultural perspective and dedication, and most of all the heart and love for our homesteading community, Nanakuli ahupua'a, and Hawaiian people."

Senator Shimabukuro spoke in support of the nominee as follows:

"Your Hawaiian Affairs committee notes that Mrs. Sanoe Marfil, her husband, and ten children reside in the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead. Further, she currently works as the chief program officer at the Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, where she's been employed since 2010. Her

responsibilities encompass the strategic direction of all programming; development of strong relationships with foundations, businesses, and community leaders; and participation and development efforts through grant application and reporting. Mrs. Marfil is also involved in her community, currently serving as the president of the Nanaikapono Hawaiian Civic Club and as parent liaison for Ka Papahana 'o Mā'ilikūkahi. Based on the testimony received and meeting the nominee, your Hawaiian Affairs committee recommends that the Senate advise and consent to her confirmation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Thank you."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3951 (Gov. Msg. No. 665):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3951 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JOSEPH VICK to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3952 (Gov. Msg. No. 678):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3952 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LINDSAY YOUNG to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Richards.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3953 (Gov. Msg. No. 645):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3953 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MELVIN TOKUDA to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Richards.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3954 (Gov. Msg. No. 694):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3954 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NATHANIEL OSWALD to the Board of Agriculture, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator DeCoite requested a ruling on a potential conflict of interest.

The Chair stated that Senator DeCoite had noted in previous votes that the nominee was an employee of Senator DeCoite's husband. The Chair ordered that Senator DeCoite be excused from voting on the nominee.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3955 (Gov. Msg. No. 675):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3955 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BARBARA MARUMOTO-COONS to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3956 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 588, 598, and 599):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3956 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board of the following:

JILL COOMBS, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 588);

OSCAR IGNACIO, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 598); and

JAMES BOSWELL, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 599),

seconded by Senator Richards.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3957 (Gov. Msg. No. 646):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3957 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of QING LI to the Advisory Committee On Pesticides, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Richards.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Shimabukuro introduced Ms. Sanoë Marfil, newly confirmed commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, who was seated in the gallery with family, friends, and colleagues.

Senator Gabbard introduced Qing Li, newly confirmed member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, who was present in the gallery.

Senator DeCoite introduced Mr. Chung Chang, newly confirmed strategic broadband coordinator of the Department of

Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), who was seated in the gallery with his DBEDT 'ohana and Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity team members Mr. Burt Lum, Amber Ternus, and Cara Binger. Senator DeCoite then introduced Ms. Jennifer Wilkinson, newly confirmed member of the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Aquino introduced Clark Hirota, newly confirmed member of the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board (HLRB), who was joined in the gallery by his wife, Jill; daughters Emma and Jamie; and HLRB chair Marcus Oshiro and member Stacy Moniz. Senator Aquino also introduced Harry Yee, newly confirmed member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, who was accompanied in the gallery by his wife, Laurie; and Charlie Toguchi.

Senator Keohokalole recognized former state senator Charlie Toguchi, a friend and resident of the Windward side, who was seated in the gallery with his wife, Elaine.

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-24 (H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-24 (H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-24 (H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-24 (S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATES OF EMERGENCY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11-24 (S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11-24 was adopted

and S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROMOTING PORNOGRAPHY FOR MINORS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13-24 (S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO MAKE THE SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS MORE UNIFORM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15-24 (S.B. No. 3033, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3033, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19-24 (S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING OFFENSES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21-24 (S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22-24 (S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Shimabukuro, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24-24 (S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO REGULATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-24 (S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND TRUST ACT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-24 (S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28-24 (S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29-24 (S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31-24 (S.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE PRESCRIPTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34-24 (S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38-24 (H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39-24 (H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42-24 (H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45-24 (H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47-24 (H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIME SHARE COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51-24 (H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54-24 (H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

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

"Mr. President, I rise in strong support of H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D.1.

"Value-added products are a vital part of Hawai'i's unique identity. Across all our Islands, it is common to find stands selling pickled mangoes or kulolo. Farmers' markets around the State offer locally-sourced jams, chili pepper water, and taro chips. For much of Hawai'i's history, local producers have used methods like pickling, fermenting, and freeze-drying to create products that have been woven into the cultural fabric of our State.

"However, many are unaware of the significant challenges and costs that current State guidelines impose on bringing these value-added products to market. While some homemade food products can be sold directly to consumers, State law has prohibited all homemade food from being sold through the mail unless produced in a commercial kitchen. For many producers, especially those in rural and underserved communities like Ka'u and Volcano in my Senate District, renting a commercial kitchen can cost upwards of \$20 an hour and requires additional travel and coordination, significantly cutting into potential profits.

"There have been concerns about public health raised in opposition to revising Hawai'i's homemade food laws. However, I believe that our producers, if properly supported, have a vested interest in ensuring the safety of the food they provide to our neighbors and local communities. Since the Department of Health (DOH) began legalizing cottage foods in 2015, there have been no reported foodborne illnesses linked to these operations. With that in mind, I commend the DOH for their leadership and collaboration in advancing this initiative in a manner that safeguards public health.

"Colleagues, for these reasons, I urge you to join me in supporting H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D.1. A 'yes' vote will affirm the Senate's commitment to small businesses and local agriculture in our communities."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56-24 (H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59-24 (S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-24 (S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62-24 (S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64-24 (S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65-24 (S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66-24 (S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKAHIKI COMMEMORATION DAY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67-24 (S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69-24 (S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

"Mr. President, I stand in strong support of S.B. 3312, H.D.1, C.D.1, which adopts, establishes, and designates the shaka as the official gesture of the State. It also authorizes the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its history to be displayed in a prominent location in the State.

"The shaka is a known symbol of sharing aloha, fostering connection, and being pono. It has immense influential power to build the State's economy, global brand, and resident pride. This bill not only ensures that Hawaii retains recognition as the shaka's place of origin, but also protects the shaka as part of Hawaii's culture and heritage. We need to protect the Hawaii meaning of the shaka to ensure the gesture will be protected and forever tied to the Hawaiian culture.

"Mahalo to all the members of our community who came out to advocate for this bill and I urge my colleagues to support S.B. 3312, H.D.1, C.D.1."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GESTURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70-24 (S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71-24 (S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75-24 (S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76-24 (S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77-24 (S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78-24 (S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KALAUPAPA," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79-24 (S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-24 (S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81-24 (S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82-24 (S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86-24 (S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87-24 (S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DESTINATION MANAGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88-24 (S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGENERATIVE TOURISM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89-24 (S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90-24 (S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91-24 (S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91-24 was adopted

and S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92-24 (S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93-24 (S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94-24 (S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95-24 (S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES AND RECIPROCITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96-24 (H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97-24 (H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98-24 (H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.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 Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99-24 (H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101-24 (H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102-24 (H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIRING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103-24 (H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104-24 (H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kanuha, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," having been read throughout,

passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105-24 (H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107-24 (H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108-24 (H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109-24 (H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 911 SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110-24 (H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111-24 (S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Shimabukuro, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114-24 (S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116-24 (S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117-24 (S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118-24 (S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121-24 (S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122-24 (S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Kidani moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

"Mr. President, I introduced S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 to support the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani (KH'UOK)—the world's first college taught exclusively in Hawaiian. This

bill specifically addresses its six P-12 laboratory school programs, which service children across the state.

"KH'UOK is mandated by State law to 'serve as a focal point for the State's efforts to revitalize the Hawaiian language through teacher training, undergraduate and graduate study of Hawaiian, community outreach, research and testing, use of technology, national and international cooperation, and the development of liberal education in Hawaiian for future generations of Hawaiian speakers.' Under Act 46, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2020, the Legislature reinforced its commitment to Hawaiian language education at KH'UOK by funding the construction of two or more Hawaiian language medium pre-kindergarten programs. These programs serve as a foundation for developing other Hawaiian language medium pre-kindergarten and immersion classes, and they are exempt from typical standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

"Thanks to the exemptions provided in Act 46, SLH 2020, KH'UOK's early education programs have thrived. However, the sunset date for this exemption is approaching on July 1, 2026. Without continued protections and considerations for Hawaiian medium learners, any future legislation applying mainstream English medium program requirements at the University risks jeopardizing KH'UOK's vital programs, which offer local families educational choices.

"Colleagues, I urge you to support S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 to ensure the continued success of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani program. Your support will guarantee that families seeking a Hawaiian language-based curriculum can have their programs appropriately assessed through well-developed Hawaiian-medium standards."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124-24 (S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128-24 (H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriwiki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139-24 (H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

ASSESSED FINANCING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145-24 (S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153-24 (H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157-24 (S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158-24 (S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160-24 (S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161-24 (S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162-24 (S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167-24 (H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168-24 (H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170-24 (S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171-24 (S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173-24 (S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

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

“Mr. President, I stand in strong support of S.B. 2841, H.D.1, C.D.1, which designates May 15 of each year as Water Safety Day.

“Recognizing Water Safety Day creates a platform to improve water safety in our island state surrounded by water.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for our keiki, it is the leading cause of death for our visitors, and we have the second highest rate of resident drowning in the nation. Even though our connection to the ocean is central to our way of life and our cultural heritage, most of our children are now growing up without learning how to swim. Passing this bill will show our understanding of the importance of having our children learn and be aware of the basics of aquatic safety.

“Behind each data point is a story, a whole world. This bill was initiated in memory of all those we have lost to drowning, including: Mark and Mina Hornor, Charles and Stephanie Casados, Charlotte ‘Sharkey’ Schaefer, Alexander De Rego, Brian Lazorishak, Bristol Kaile’a Gomes-Poaha, and so many more. I would like to give a special thanks to their families for their advocacy and support. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER SAFETY DAY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181-24 (S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183-24 (S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3-24 (H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOGS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4-24 (H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5-24 (H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.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 Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-24 (H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12-24 (S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 4 (Awa, Fevella, Gabbard, Richards).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14-24 (S.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PENAL LIABILITY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16-24 (S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

“My opposition stems from the fact that, one, this bill removes the discretion of the judge to determine on a case-by-case basis whether or not the punishment fits the crime, and, second, I believe that by our passage, we may actually be violative of the double jeopardy because it creates a second crime for a fourth offense, so not only will the defendant be convicted of the fourth offense under the misdemeanor charge, but also it automatically triggers a secondary conviction. For those reasons, I’m in opposition.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Fevella, Fukunaga, Ihara, Inouye, Kidani). Noes, 2 (McKelvey, San Buenaventura).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17-24 (S.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18-24 (S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20-24 (S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPUTER CRIME," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23-24 (H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25-24 (S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Fevella, Richards). Noes, 3 (Awa, Kanuha, Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30-24 (S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32-24 (S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION," having

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33-24 (S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Kidani moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

"Colleagues, I rise in support of Senate Bill 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, which authorizes licensed dental hygienists to conduct preventive dental sealant screenings and administer dental sealants within school-based oral health programs, under specified conditions.

"It is a sobering reality that Hawai'i scored the lowest in a nationwide exam on oral health, and in recent years showed little movement towards addressing the financial implications of health care costs and complications associated with dental problems, especially in low-income children who are at much greater risk of tooth decay. School-based programs offer a cost-effective avenue to reach those who are disproportionately affected by tooth decay by allowing licensed dental hygienists to administer preventive dental sealant procedures in school settings.

"Hawai'i's children deserve access to quality oral health care, regardless of their socioeconomic status. Senate Bill 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 is a solution-oriented approach to combat the pervasive issue of tooth decay among our youth. Mahalo, Mr. President. I now yield the floor."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35-24 (S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36-24 (S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37-24 (S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator DeCoite moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been

read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Wakai.

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

“This measure will help production companies make reasonable efforts to adhere to the tax code. I support this bill because smaller local production companies will not be at risk over a technical issue. These companies can qualify for Hawai‘i’s Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Tax Credit program. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii said in their written testimony, this bill is ‘a way to restore some sanity to the administration of this credit.’

“So, again, colleagues, I ask you guys to please support this bill. Thank you. Mahalo, Senate President.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40-24 (H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41-24 (H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43-24 (H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 2 (Awa, Elefante).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44-24 (H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46-24 (H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48-24 (H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Richards moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

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

“This has been a long time coming. We’ve worked very diligently on this legislation throughout this session, but, realistically, it’s been coming for many years. I’d like to thank the stakeholders, both the farmers and the processors, for coming to the table. This elevates Kona coffee—actually, regional coffee. By using the geographical description, it will raise the quality of our coffee we are selling throughout the state. But, more importantly, we’re supporting the farmers to increase as we strive towards more food self-reliance, food security. I ask my colleagues to support.”

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

“If I could enter written remarks in support of this historic legislation into the Journal, please?”

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

“Mr. President, I am proud to stand in strong support of H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, a long-overdue measure that provides essential protections for one of Hawai‘i’s most renowned crops.

“Hawai‘i is home to some of the highest-priced coffees in the world, with products proudly labeled as ‘Kona,’ ‘Ka‘ū,’ and ‘Kaua‘i’ recognized for their high cost of production and exceptional quality. However, our coffee market is vulnerable to fraud, with some businesses labeling coffee blends containing only 10% Hawai‘i-grown coffee as if they were entirely from our state. This deception harms our local coffee producers by artificially inflating the supply of Hawai‘i-grown coffee, leading to lower prices and devaluing the market.

“Previously, the Legislature directed the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to study the impact of coffee labeling laws on farmers and to determine the ideal proportion of Kona beans in products marketed as Kona coffee through Act 222, SLH 2022. The study confirmed what we already knew—that stricter labeling requirements could lead to higher prices without significantly affecting demand.

“Colleagues, while there have been discussions about moving towards a 100% labeling requirement, I am proud to request your support for H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1. This bill represents a crucial first step in protecting our local farmers and Hawai‘i’s coffee industry. Mahalo.”

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

“Mr. President, colleagues, staff, and guests: As the Chair of the Agriculture and Environment Committee, I’ve been faced with this issue for several years, and I’ve never wavered in my stance.

“While I support the coffee farmers wholeheartedly and understand the need to make a living and not be overshadowed by the larger industry, I also feel that people are able to make their own choices when it comes to purchasing. In other words, people can read the labels. If they want 100% Kona coffee, for example, they won’t buy what’s in the stores, which are clearly marked 10%. To say that blended coffees mislead the consumer about a region’s specific flavor qualities isn’t true.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Gabbard).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49-24 (H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50-24 (H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52-24 (H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.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 Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53-24 (H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator Richards moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

“Again, this is about agriculture: truth in labeling and promoting what we can do and grow here in our state. The stakeholders came to the table—both our processors and our farmers—trying to seek and find that common ground to get

this passed. This piece of legislation, again, as I borrow Senator Kanuha’s words, is historical. We had everybody at the table; everybody agreed. This was a consensus that we were able to bring forth, so I ask my colleagues to support.”

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

“May I request comments entered into the Journal on this historic bill?”

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

“Mr. President, I am in strong support H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, which establishes essential labeling requirements for macadamia nuts grown in Hawai‘i.

“Hawai‘i produces the majority of the world’s macadamia nuts, primarily from farms on Hawai‘i Island. However, misleading labeling practices have significantly threatened the viability of our local macadamia nut industry in recent years.

“H.B. No. 2278 mandates that products containing macadamia nuts must disclose if they include nuts grown outside the State. While this seems like common sense, this year’s legislative process revealed many unintended consequences, such as the potential burden on large processors whom employ many Hawai‘i residents. I am proud of the hard work and collaboration among my colleagues, local farmers, and industry stakeholders to reach a genuine compromise that considers the needs of all.

“Colleagues, I urge you to join me in supporting H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1. Passing this important bill will not only help the Department of Agriculture support small and mid-sized growers but also allow Hawai‘i’s macadamia nut producers to stand out in the marketplace.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55-24 (H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-24 (H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

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

“Mr. President, first of all, I would like to thank Senator Chris Lee and his staff for working with me to improve the language of this bill for the benefit of the towing industry.

“I introduced a similar measure that increased the amount a tow company could receive for various tows. Did you know that

the towing fees weren't increased since 2008? Almost 16 years ago. Yet the cost of business keeps going up with rising fuel costs; increases in labor costs; and higher liability, property, workers' compensation, TDI, and medical insurances. The fee for towing a vehicle is \$75, and a tow with a dolly would be \$85. These are small step increases in the right direction.

"Again, big mahalo to Senator Lee from the Transportation committee in helping to work something out for the towing industry. Again, I ask my colleagues to please support this measure. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58-24 (S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61-24 (S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN STEWARDSHIP," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63-24 (S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator McKelvey.

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

"I do appreciate the author's intent of creating uniformity upon death of a tenant, but my concern is that it may override the Uniform Probate Code, which already has uniformity in transfers of property worth \$50,000 or less that has been accepted by government agencies like the DMV, like by the courts, by the banks, and for those reasons: minor reservations."

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

"Actually, I just wanted to speak in support of it. Normally, I wouldn't, but this bill, I think, is sadly going to become a useful thing for families of recent tragedies, so I'm actually glad this measure is passing, minor issues aside."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68-24 (S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72-24 (S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Richards and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73-24 (S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

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

"There are a lot of key elements of this bill such as addressing increased penalties, fines for driving without insurance, and the list goes on. On the other hand, my serious concerns are on page 7, part II, section 3 of the bill, which I'm unable to support, which have liability insurance minimums limited coverage minimums at \$40,000 per person and \$80,000 per accident, which would double our current limits now.

"While I understand it's been 25 years since we changed the minimums, I don't believe this is the appropriate time to potentially increase these minimums. In a time in which cost-of-living elements are increasing, insurance prices are going up, and other costs are increasing, it would be difficult for me to support a bill that would cause a substantial potential increase to ratepayers. The overall main concern is motor vehicle drivers choosing not to insure because of a potential increase in minimum costs.

"For these reasons, I am unable to support S.B. 2342 and will be voting 'no.' Thank you."

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

"I'm also voting 'no' on this bill, and if I may have the previous speaker's words inserted into the Journal, as if it were my own? Thank you." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

"I think that the fact that the rates have not gone up in 25 years indicates that ... The heart of the bill is that it's an inflation adjustment, and for those who are injured by drivers who may be fully insured under the laws of our state or have the minimum that are required by the laws of our state, that we have a \$40,000 maximum per accident is—\$40,000 just doesn't

go very far these days, and especially considering that medical expenses have, at least up until the passage of Obamacare, increased at a much higher rate of inflation than regular inflation, so we're well past time to have a higher coverage minimum to protect those who are injured by the negligence of others. Mahalo."

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

"If I could have the words of the senator from District 16 inserted into the Journal as if it was my own. Thank you." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

"The net effect of this now—nothing happens in a vacuum—but for my area, specifically, will be a lot of people by necessity are going to drive with no insurance because they can't afford the new minimums. I mean, everything's going up across the board, and then, in our particular case, everything's come apart at the seams. So, while noble as it is, this would be a tremendously horrible time, and I know the net effect would be drivers with no insurance driving around because they simply couldn't afford it. Thank you."

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

"For the reasons that have been articulated, my concern is that we will increase our number of uninsured, so, for that reason, I cannot support. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Ihara, Moriwaki, San Buenaventura, Shimabukuro). Noes, 11 (Aquino, Awa, DeCoite, Elefante, Fevella, Fukunaga, Inouye, Kidani, Kim, McKelvey, Richards).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74-24 (S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATION FOR PUBLIC LAND LEASES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, Ihara, Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83-24 (S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Richards rose to request a ruling on a potential conflict of interest as follows:

"I'd like to disclose that I have a vacation rental. Will this pose a conflict for my vote?"

The Chair ruled that, since the measure would affect all similar owners and Senator Richards was in a class, there was no conflict.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2,

C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84-24 (S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100-24 (H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106-24 (H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 4 (Awa, Ihara, Inouye, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113-24 (S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"I fully supported the initial increase in statute of limitations about 10 years ago because I do know that there were incidents that had fallen through the cracks, but because of statute of limitations, these victims were not able to get the monetary amounts that they deserved. I fully supported also the removal of statute of limitations for the criminal penalties because these abusers should not go unpunished.

"However, I do have problems with a 32-year statute of limitations where there was absolutely no testimony showing the benefits that this would occur that would override the potential harm and cost to the child-care providers, to schools, to the nonprofits with an increase in insurance fees. There had been no evidence in any way—any cases had fallen through the cracks—when I asked the advocates for why it is that they are increasing a 32-year statute of limitations. For those reasons, reservations."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, Inouye, Kim, McKelvey, Moriwaki, San Buenaventura). Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115-24 (S.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119-24 (S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ACTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120-24 (S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Kidani moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

"Colleagues, this bill, Senate Bill 2475, C.D. 1, establishes a harm to students registry. This registry would be used for all early learning programs and schools as well as all K-12 educational institutions within our state. This registry would contain information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student. It will also include information on all persons who leave a school or institution before the investigation is complete.

"Many times, gaps in communication have allowed individuals who have caused harm to students to slip through the cracks, moving from one educational institution to another without consequence. By centralizing this information into a shared database accessible by both public and private institutions, we can more effectively prevent individuals with a history of misconduct from perpetuating further harm to our keiki.

"As the chair of the Senate Education committee, I firmly believe that it is our foremost responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of every student who walks through the doors of our schools. Mahalo, Mr. President. I now yield the floor."

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

"If I may enter into the Journal, the senator from Mililani's words as if it were my own, please? Thank you." (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123-24 (S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Kidani moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kim.

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:

"I rise in opposition to the bill. While I understand the need for this bill to address a sunset date provision in the law, I do not necessarily agree with removing the salary cap which can be much more than what is the current salary of our superintendent (subject to board approval). This is a critical time for our public school system when there is a significant backlog of school capital improvement projects. For those reasons, I am unable to support this bill. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 20; Ayes with Reservations (DeCoite, Inouye, Kim, Richards). Noes, 5 (Awa, Elefante, Fevella, Ihara, McKelvey).

The Chair announced that the House had adopted the budget, enabling the Senate to continue through the rest of that day's agenda following a short recess.

At 11:16 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127-24 (H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148-24 (S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 2 (Fukunaga, Ihara). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149-24 (S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Chang moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Lee.

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:

"This proposed measure will have unintended consequences with creating denser neighborhoods and not offer truly affordable housing. There are no requirements on the affordability for the additional units. Moreover, this could lead to speculative purchasing if a homeowner chooses to sell the additional Accessory Dwelling Units for investors rather than for those who truly need housing.

"As a former member of the Honolulu City Council and former Zoning and Planning Chair, I share the City Council's concerns contained in the adoption of Resolution 24-65. For these reasons, I am not able to support S.B. 3202 and will be voting **no**."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 16; Ayes with Reservations (Aquino, Gabbard, McKelvey, Moriwaki). Noes, 9 (Awa, DeCoite, Elefante, Fevella, Fukunaga, Ihara, Inouye, Kim, Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-24 (S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Hashimoto.

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

"This measure seeks to improve the sustainability of our healthcare providers who operate in clinics outside of nonprofit hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitariums. The general excise tax exemption will allow those who provide Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE services in local clinics across our state. With Hawai'i facing a chronic shortage of medical professionals, this GET exemption eases the financial burden for caring for patients that use these forms of health insurance. These are the primary outlets for care in rural and neighbor-island districts and essential to those residents. I'd just like to read from the Hawaii Medical Association's testimony: '[The exemption is necessary as] our most vulnerable patients, particularly those in . . . underserved communities, cannot access local providers in a timely fashion to receive the diagnosis and treatment they desperately need. [This exemption is] a reasonable and essential step in the future survival and sustainability of [Hawai'i's] healthcare.' A big mahalo to the subject-matter committee chairs for their hard work on this measure and to the many doctors, healthcare professionals, and advocates who spent countless hours at the Legislature in support. Thank you."

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

"I would like to thank our WAM chair as well as the House in passing this bill and for Senator Inouye for introducing me to it. S.B. 1035 basically, as Senator Dela Cruz has pointed out, not only helps the healthcare profession, but it corrects an injustice. The biggest injustice is that, in helping take care of the most vulnerable and the kūpuna, the federal government prevents our healthcare providers from passing on the GET tax, so unlike stores who are able to pass on the GET tax to consumers, our medical providers were actually being disincentivized by increasing their costs by 4.7 percent.

"So the reason why I want to thank our WAM and FIN chairs is that this is costing our treasury around 70 to 84 million dollars per year in lost revenue. However, look at it this way: That is how much expenses our medical providers are putting forth just to help take care of our most vulnerable—those accepting Medicaid, those accepting TRICARE, those accepting Medicare. And, for those reasons, I am in strong support, and thank you very much for our colleagues for supporting this. Thank you."

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

"Mr. President, may I have the words of the senators from Wahiawā and Puna entered into the Journal as if it were my own?" (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

"I, too, want to thank the good senator from Wahiawā as well for his guidance on this measure and the good senator from Puna for conferencing this measure to the end and to her conferees as well as the House.

"I am honored to have introduced Senate Bill 1035 on behalf of our local doctors, the dentists, and the healthcare workers. At the behest of constituents of mine from Hilo who are local medical practitioners, I was urged to and gladly obliged in introducing S.B. 1035. Most healthcare providers on the Big Island practice in Hilo, and many of them serve patients from rural communities. This is a measure that seeks to provide much-needed relief to our healthcare providers and, ultimately, to the patients they serve. This measure aims to address the unsustainable taxation of healthcare services in Hawai'i, particularly targeting our underserved populations covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE. As it stands, our healthcare system faces a daunting challenge: a dwindling number of providers willing and able to accept these essential forms of insurance. This issue not only threatens the financial stability of our healthcare providers but also jeopardizes the accessibility and quality of care for our most vulnerable citizens, especially those in our rural communities. The economic impact of S.B. 1035 cannot be overstated.

"The largest percentage of healthcare providers who have been negatively affected by the GET reside on the Big Island, Maui, and Kaua'i, and most of the rural areas on O'ahu. By exempting healthcare and dental services from the GE tax for Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE patients, we stimulate our economy by removing unnecessary financial burdens on our families, the elderly, disabled adults, and individuals facing financial hardships due to disasters and unforeseen medical emergencies.

"Moreover, by incentivizing the recruitment and retention of healthcare practitioners, we create a ripple effect of economic growth, generating additional state and local taxes and creating thousands of new jobs across various sectors. But S.B. 1035 is not merely about economics; it's about equity and access to healthcare. By eliminating the general excise tax on healthcare services, we demonstrate our commitment to ensuring equitable and universal access to care for all the residents of Hawai'i.

"This bill promotes increased employment of healthcare workers and professional licensees, strengthening our healthcare infrastructure and building resilience in the face of future challenges.

"I am proud to have the support of over 155 doctors, dentists, and nurses from various healthcare coalitions across our state. Their endorsement of S.B. 1035 speaks volumes about the urgent need for action and the widespread recognition of the

positive impact this bill will have on our healthcare system and our community as a whole.

“And I urge my colleagues to support this important measure and join me in taking a decisive step toward securing a healthier, more equitable future for all residents of Hawai‘i.

“And mahalo again to our colleagues who have carried this measure throughout this session. Mahalo to Senator Dela Cruz, Senator San Buenaventura, and the colleagues on her conference committee as well and all those who care for Hawai‘i and its people. Mahalo, Mr. President.”

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

“I rise in support and ask that the words of the senators from Wahiaiwā and Puna be put in the Journal as my own.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“May I enter into the Journal the words from the senators of Hilo, Puna, and Wahiaiwā as if it were my own? Thank you, Senate President.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“Likewise, I’d like to thank the introducer of the bill from Hilo. I’d like to enter their comments into the Journal as if it was my own, the senator from Puna as well and the senator from Wahiaiwā. Coming from an island like Moloka‘i—the most rural of rural islands—with a lack of transportation and representing some of the most rural and isolated and underserved areas, I’m very grateful for the support and the work that they have done on this bill, so mahalo and thank you.”

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

“I would like to thank my colleagues from Hilo, Puna, Kona, as well from Wahiaiwā for putting this forth. Primary healthcare: We struggle in Hawai‘i to get that. Rural primary healthcare is worse, and this is a step forward to help recruit those doctors to get that primary care. Our underserved constituents in those communities that are so removed geographically—this will help. I stand in strong support. Thank you.”

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

“Would like the words of all the previous speakers entered in the Journal as if they were my own, just with the note that instead of ‘Moloka‘i,’ ‘Lahaina’ be inserted in there. Also, you know, yes, there will be a revenue loss to the state, but I think this adage holds true in this situation as in others: Sometimes you got to spend money to save money. Thank you, Mr. President.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163-24 (S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165-24 (S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166-24 (H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169-24 (H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174-24 (S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Wakai.

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

“I’m hoping that, with the rise of AI, we could actually have more reasonable speed limits, especially in rural highways with no freeways so that we don’t have speed limit zones in the middle of the night at a time when people who are going across the island trying to get home will be able to get home at a timely manner without fear of being tagged with a speed infraction. For those reasons, I’m in opposition.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (San Buenaventura).

At 11:37 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

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

“I just wanted to share some comments on House Bill 2404. The Senate Committee on Ways and Means meticulously examined 2404, Relating to Income Tax, ensuring its potential to positively impact working families in Hawai‘i. The bill marked one of the most substantial income-tax-relief measures our state has ever passed. The proposed changes in C.D. 1 are poised to reshape two fundamental pillars of Hawai‘i’s tax framework over a seven-year period: the standard deduction and income tax brackets. By 2031, the tax burden on our working-class families will decrease by an astonishing 71 percent. Year by year, from 2024 through 2031, this legislation will steadily increase the standard deduction, reducing take-home pay from taxation. Recognizing that low- and medium-income households often forego itemized deductions, this measure is specifically tailored to alleviate their burden. Notably, for joint filers, the standard deduction will surge from \$4,400 to a substantial \$24,000 by 2031. Furthermore, in 2025, 2027, and 2029, the bill will recalibrate tax brackets, reducing rates and phasing out the lowest bracket to accommodate the rising tide of wages and inflation.

“Consider a family of four with a median household income of \$88,000. By 2031, they stand to see their take-home pay swell by \$3,613. Under prevailing tax laws, this family will be saddled with a \$5,086 tax bill. Yet, with the implementation of these reforms, their tax obligation will shrink to \$1,479.

“The hard work put forth by the Senate and House ensures that House Bill 2404 stands as an indispensable piece of legislation. It is a piece of legislation that demanded our unwavering support and our prompt enactment. Beyond serving our immediate needs, this bill casts a hopeful gaze toward the future, laying the groundwork for future generations to inherit a fairer and more equitable tax system. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

“I’d like to adopt the words of the prior speaker and note that, in my time in the Hawai‘i State Legislature, we have often been criticized for not taking direct action to address the cost of living. We are the Legislature; we have the power of the purse to appropriate and tax, and by enacting this largest tax cut in, I believe, Hawai‘i history, this is, without a doubt, the most significant action—and direct action—that we have taken in this body to address Hawai‘i’s cost of living in my time here. It is an extremely significant action for our constituents, and I would like to thank, again, the Ways and Means chair and the members of the committee for their hard work on this. It is just huge. Thank you.”

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

“I also ask that the words of the two previous speakers be entered into the Journal as my own. Thank you.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“I also would like to have the comments of senators from Wahiawā and Kāne‘ohe entered into my own. I’d also like to point out, we have been disparaged by a number of advocates in not passing major tax-credit bills this year, but I’d like to point out that we could stand above all else because we are not only helping those who are poor, but we have actually given a huge benefit to the middle class, which we have been told we keep forgetting every year. So I thank our WAM chair for passing this. Thank you.”

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

“May I have the words of the senators from Wahiawā and Kāne‘ohe entered into the Journal as if it were my own?” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“Thanks for letting us do this over. I saw it go by and was like, ‘Wow, this is the biggest bill of the year. It’s going by with no conversation—oh, well,’ you know? And to have this do-over, if you will, because this is huge. I mean, this is, like, huge for the middle class. It also helps to blunt concerns—I’ll say it—with the GET exemption bill. What about the rest of us, you know? It also helps to address that concern with tax-credit bills that we fund which go to certain sectors. So this is really—mahalos, you guys. This is really big and couldn’t come at a better time, so thank you again for letting me do this.”

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

“Likewise, I’d like to insert the comments from the Ways and Means chair and the senator from Kāne‘ohe as if they were my own. In a time when many of us have argued, ‘What about everybody else?’ I think this sends a clear message that the Senate’s position has always been to care about those that have been suffering through the support of this body, so mahalo. Thank you.”

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

“I also would like the comments of the chair of the Ways and Means committee and the senator from Wahiawā and also the senator from Kāne‘ohe as my own. I do want to say that we’ve been attacked many times for not addressing the cost of living, and this measure is very significant in doing that. Thank you.”

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

“First of all, I like thank all my colleagues for learn me how to rise and say I want to put the words of Wahiawā’s senator and Kāne‘ohe’s senator in my own words into the Journal, Senate President. Thank you, guys.”

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

“I have to thank my colleagues for getting this done because reducing the cost of living here in our state—this is something we keep talking about. We’ve taken steps; we took steps with the medical GE tax reduction, and so this is another step forward for our state, for our people. Thank you.”

The Chair stated:

“I would just comment that we started, thinking that the rest of us in Hawai‘i were going to have to make a shared sacrifice to help our ‘ohana on Maui and help get them through terrible, terrible times that they were facing, and, instead, the overall package that the Ways and Means chair crafted in working with the Ways and Means committee and the various committee chairs has resulted in an amazing product. And while I understand spending money to save money on the health, I believe part of his confidence—because he and I were elected in 2010, so I’ve been in the Senate with him every step of the way—is his strong desire and his energy to create economic development opportunities to generate the revenue that will pay for these cuts. And I’ll be candid: Not every idea he has had was successful, but every idea he has had, he has learned from. And failure has not been a reason to quit; failure has been an inspiration for him to find a better way—a new way and a

different way. And so I will urge my colleagues to continue to work with Senator Dela Cruz, not just on passing this bill and the help to the residents but in the economic diversity that he is pursuing so that we can continue to support legislation like this. So, to the Ways and Means chair: Thank you very much.”

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112-24 (S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Shimabukuro, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125-24 (H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126-24 (H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129-24 (H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131-24 (H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133-24 (H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135-24 (H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

“Mr. President, in support.

“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, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136-24 (H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATH BENEFITS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137-24 (H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138-24 (H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140-24 (H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141-24 (H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142-24 (H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-24 (H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144-24 (H.B. No. 1801, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1801, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147-24 (S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147-24 was adopted and S.B.

No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DAM AND APPURTENANCE IMPROVEMENT OR REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-24 (H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-24 (H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155-24 (H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156-24 (H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAIAPUNI EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-24 (S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro.

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

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

"This long overdue bill has garnered huge amounts of support from the general public, organizations, and many individuals. This bill would offer our communities a tool for protecting our most vulnerable populations, like our kūpuna and those who are developmentally disabled. Establishing a Silver Alert tool program allows our law enforcement officers to

safely track and locate our missing kūpuna and other vulnerable members of the community.

"I'd like to thank my co-introducers and colleagues in the Senate for supporting this bill and for supporting the communities you represent through this measure."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164-24 (S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176-24 (S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178-24 (S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CREATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179-24 (S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180-24 (S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMMIGRATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185-24 (S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOOD SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186-24 (S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

The Clerk announced:

"Final Reading of the fiscal ordinary calendar; the first item is House Bill 1911, Conference Draft 1, which was the Miscellaneous Business item that was deferred to the beginning of this fiscal ordinary calendar."

FINAL READING

MATTER DEFERRED FROM EARLIER ON THE CALENDAR

H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kanuha, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

The Clerk announced:

"We are now moving to the fiscal ordinary calendar beginning on page 43."

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130-24 (H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132-24 (H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134-24 (H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146-24 (S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154-24 (H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154-24 be adopted and H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz.

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

"Mr. President, colleagues, staff, and guests: You've seen them on the evening news and in the *Star-Advertiser* and *Civil Beat* and, hopefully, you have not encountered them in your home. Yes, I'm talking about little fire ants, coconut rhinoceros beetles, coqui frogs, coffee berry borer, rose-ringed parakeets, feral cats and chickens, two-lined spittlebugs, and—though they have not arrived yet—brown tree snakes. These are only some of the nasty critters who have invaded our island paradise.

"The reality is, we're in a state of crisis for biosecurity. Invasive species threaten the livelihoods and well-being of our farmers, ranchers, and, in fact, all of us. If we don't prioritize biosecurity now, we could soon see the collapse of our natural and food ecosystems across the state. That's why, as I finish my eighth year as your Agriculture and Environment committee chair, I'm excited to see this biosecurity bill pass out of conference and make it to the finish line.

"In my humble opinion, this bill is a masterpiece. It's been a long time coming. Biosecurity was one of the Senate's priorities this session and also the number one priority for the Department of Ag. This bill designates the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency responsible for coordinating the state's invasive pest control and eradication biosecurity efforts. So no more scratching your head, trying to figure out who's in charge here, the Department of Ag or Department of Land and Natural Resources? The bill includes \$16.8 million to the Department of Ag related to the administration and implementation of their biosecurity program. It adds 44 new positions and \$3.1 million, which includes 22 new plant quarantine branch inspectors to oversee plant materials, which are a key way of transporting these invasive pests. (Remember the little fire ants that showed up at the Punahou Carnival this year?) Another feature of this bill is that it requires Department of Ag to post on their website real-time updates on pest infestations, including date, location, actions performed, and names of staff and organizations involved so that we know exactly what we're dealing with and who to contact at the Department of Ag if the problem is not being addressed.

"So I want to mahalo our esteemed WAM chair, Senator Dela Cruz, and his staff and his counterpart, Chair Yamashita in Finance over in the House; the Legislature; Department of Ag; and all the farming, ranching, agriculture stakeholders who collaborated to craft this comprehensive biosecurity package that reflects the urgency of this important matter. So, colleagues, I urge you to vote 'yes' on House Bill 2619, C.D. 1. Mahalo."

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

"Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to begin by thanking you and Senate leadership, the Senate Ag and Environment committee chair, and the Ways and Means committee members. Over the last several months, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means has worked diligently with Senate leadership and the committee chair, the Department of Agriculture, constituents, stakeholders, and House Finance to deliver a statewide biosecurity package that answers the call to address a long-neglected list of persistent and challenging pests wreaking havoc across our state. The conference draft of House Bill 2619 appropriates \$19,980,660 in general funds for fiscal year '24-'25 to address statewide biosecurity programmatic costs and enhancements and invasive species mitigation and eradication.

"The Department of Ag said at Ways and Means info briefings at the beginning of session that biosecurity was a top priority. Estimated prevention costs for brown tree snake, miconia, little fire ant, along with the rest of DOA biosecurity plan, totaled \$38 million. However, no funding for biosecurity measures were included in the governor's draft of House Bill 1800. While remaining a top priority for the Senate, the current administration failed to address the state's inability to control the movement of known and unknown pests between the islands. For every dollar spent on biosecurity, the state is potentially saving \$8,000 on the economic impacts that invasive species and diseases can bring.

"Recent biosecurity threats have fueled fears that an influx of new pests into the island of Maui will continue to wreak havoc on recovering communities receiving shipped goods to help in the years-long process of rebuilding Lahaina. Controlling the spread of coconut rhinoceros beetles, little fire ants, and other pests is increasingly critical as people recover and rebuild after August fires in West Maui.

"This session, the constantly changing landscape of biosecurity threats entering our state required diligence and dedication to provide for both the immediate and future needs of Hawai'i's agriculture sector. The Senate understands the importance of protecting our precious resources and supporting local farmers. Without controlling and eradicating invasive species, our agricultural, tourism, and natural ecosystems would collapse beyond repair. That's why we make this historic appropriation dedicated to biosecurity in House Bill 2619 in addition to the state budget bill to increase public transparency and government accountability in how these funds are spent.

"The highlights in conference draft of both House Bill 2619 and House Bill 1800 include funding for biosecurity threats and invasive pest management, including \$16.8 million in programmatic costs, tech upgrades and equipment, 14 new positions and \$3.1 million to conduct inspections at points of entry and plant nurseries statewide, and the conversion of 66 existing biosecurity positions to the general fund to free up the dedicated special and revolving funds to allow the DOA to immediately address emergency biosecurity threats statewide. While historic in context, these appropriations will not end our battle against invasive species in our state. In fact, this is just the beginning in addressing foreign pests that threaten our native ecosystems and agricultural commodities. With new detections of coconut rhinoceros beetles in Waikōloa as recent

as this past week, these landmark appropriations aim to assist the Department of Ag in their tireless efforts to mitigate and eradicate invasive species in our state.

“Mahalo to the Senate Ag and Environment committee, its chair, the Department of Ag deputy director, the staff and employees at the Plant Industry Division, and various stakeholders who have been advocating for years.

“I urge my colleagues to vote ‘yes’ on this conference draft. Mahalo.”

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

“In the interest of time, I ask that the remarks from the senator from Kapolei be entered into the Journal as my own. Thank you.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“I want to thank the chair from Ag and Environment as well as the WAM chair for supporting this and moving this forward. In my time here in the state, there’s always been a concern for supporting agriculture, and we’ve talked long about supporting agriculture. This legislative session, we are really moving the needle for agriculture, and this was one step that the people out on the land, in the dirt, are finally feeling like they’re being heard. Thank you, colleagues.”

The Chair thanked the vice chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

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

“I have my own words that I’d like to submit to the Journal in support of this historic measure as well. Thank you.”

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

“Mr. President, mahalo for the opportunity to express my strong support for H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1. This bill addresses Hawai‘i’s ongoing biosecurity emergency by providing the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with essential resources to protect the State’s borders from the damaging effects of invasive species and other environmental threats.

“On the Neighbor Islands, including in the districts of Kona, Ka‘ū, and Volcano of which I represent, invasive pests such as the Coqui Frog, Coffee Berry Borer, Coffee Leaf Rust, Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death, and the Mongoose have caused significant harm for many years. Recently, the discovery of new harmful pests in heavily trafficked tourist areas on O‘ahu has underscored the urgency of addressing this issue on a statewide level.

“Invasive species have a profound impact on the State of Hawai‘i, resulting in millions of dollars in crop losses annually, the extinction of indigenous species, the destruction of native forests, the spread of harmful diseases, and the costly quarantine of exported agricultural crops. Despite these challenges, the HDOA—our state department responsible for implementing Hawai‘i’s biosecurity program—has long been under-resourced and unable to fully meet its responsibilities.

“Therefore, colleagues, I urge you to join me in voting ‘yes’ for H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1. The over \$20 million allocated by this measure, along with the recognition of the HDOA’s critical role in managing invasive species, will provide lasting benefits for future generations.”

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

“I’d like to thank the Ag chair—he’s done an awesome job—as well as the WAM chair and those that have literally looked at everything that’s happened within the ag industry in the past years. As a farmer myself, the challenges that we’ve faced—you know, we’ve come to realize that, you know, there are different and other techniques and proper management tools that are out there. But first and foremost is to stop the spread of invasive species, so in this case: historical, remarkable legislation. Thank you.”

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

“I truly appreciate the work of the Ag chair and the WAM chair, devoting this amount of support toward this effort. When outbreaks of invasive species became known to us in the community on the windward side of O‘ahu and in my district but up the coast in the summertime of last year, we met with the Department of Agriculture and they rightfully, at the end of the conversation, put back on me a question that I knew was coming, which was, ‘Are you going to help support us in the funding that you know we need in order to address these issues?’ And so, once again, at least on this issue, today, the Senate has made a commitment to do so and back up its words with actual support, so I’m deeply appreciative of that.

“I also look forward to working with the Department of Agriculture, their director, their deputy, their Plant Industry Division leadership. Every day this interim, I’m going to be working with them to make sure that, in addition to actually doing the work on the ground, that they judiciously commit this money toward their legislative mandates that have been in existence since the beginning of this state’s admission into the Union, which include holding commercial operators responsible for their share of the burden, which is not the entirety of the problem. But I look forward to that, and I’m excited to see this commitment and the work to come. Thank you very much.”

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

“As one of the few farmers here in our chamber, it has been a challenging measure, and I’m so happy that the chair of the WAM committee and Agriculture as well worked diligently because this was very challenging for an industry as well in the communities throughout the state. Thank you so much for all the good work you’ve been doing. Mahalo.”

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

“I’m in strong support of this bill. Since I’ve been in this square building, and working with Senator Gabbard over the years, the WAM chair took us members on tours throughout the neighbor islands looking into what we can provide going forward. I learned a lot on these tours, and I really enjoyed it.

“Knowing that the farmers are struggling with invasive species, it’s on a level that affects us too. As you may know, living here on O‘ahu in a dry climate like ‘Ewa Beach, we have the rhinoceros beetle running around. You may not have realized how much of our agricultural community is suffering by not having the backing and the boots on the ground, as Senator Keohokalole has said. So, we need to make sure that we support our agriculture and our farmers going forward, and, again, I really want to thank the WAM chair and Agriculture chair on this and request to insert additional comments into the Journal, Senate President. Thank you.”

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

“As the Agriculture industry is one of the vital components in our career and technical pathways and is what helps form our

farm to table concept in our schools, I am looking forward to continuing working with my colleagues and stakeholders to moving Hawai'i in the right direction. Mahalo"

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172-24 (S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 4 (Awa, Fevella, McKelvey, San Buenaventura).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175-24 (S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro.

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

"In general, our elections here in Hawai'i are free, fair. Votes are counted correctly; there's very little fraud. There is a vulnerability that I've been concerned about for several years and that is—of course we have a lot of tourists who come and stay for part of the year, and there's really no way to cross-check our records against the records of the states that they came from to see whether they're registering to vote both here and somewhere else. This bill will start to address that. The Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., is a consortium of 24 other states and the District of Columbia where we will share our information about who's moving from state to state to ensure that we don't have people voting in multiple states, and I think that does address probably our biggest voting vulnerability here in Hawai'i, so mahalo to the WAM chair for finding the money for this and for moving it along. I think it'll be a useful addition to keeping our elections free and fair. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177-24 (S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184-24 (S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Hashimoto moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184-24 be adopted and S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

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

"I'd like to thank, again, Senate leadership, subject-matter chairs, and the Ways and Means committee members, who worked diligently with state departments, NGOs, constituents, stakeholders, and our House counterparts to address recovery efforts and support those affected by the 2023 Maui wildfires. This includes funding for the One 'Ohana Fund and temporarily extending restrictions on the use of the major disaster fund. In addition, S.B. 582, C.D. 1 also bolsters the pension accumulation fund. Through this collaboration, our committee has found funding gaps in the state's immediate recovery efforts. This bill fills these gaps with a focus on long-term recovery and transparency. The conference draft appropriates \$297 million in general funds for fiscal year 2023–2024, which includes \$72,500,000 for non-congregate housing for individuals impacted by wildfires who have been classified as not eligible for FEMA assistance and \$65 million to fund the state's contribution to the One 'Ohana Fund to compensate individuals or personal representatives affected by serious physical injury or death. This bill further requests the Department of Budget and Finance and the Department of Human Services to submit a report on the seventh day of each month on the details pertaining to the expenditures, contracts, liabilities, and use of resources related to the wildfires.

"In conclusion, mahalo to the subject-matter chairs, committee members for their countless hours spent on this measure, and our House counterparts. I urge my colleagues to vote 'yes' on the conference draft. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184-24 was adopted and S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BUDGET," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187-24 (H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187-24 was adopted and H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Misc. Com. No. 2) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 2, from the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, and the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated April 26, 2024, transmitting a Legislative Communication extending the filing deadline for conference committee reports and conference drafts from 11:30 p.m. to midnight.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.C.R. No. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

“For these measures before us: For the first measure, on S.C.R. 1, the House only changed the dates to which the measure applies; and for the other two, they made nonsubstantive, technical amendments.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 1, and S.C.R. No. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DAY IN 2025 OF THE SECOND NEW MOON AFTER THE WINTER SOLSTICE OF 2024 AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 3, 2024.

S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

“For these measures before us: For the first measure, on S.C.R. 1, the House only changed the dates to which the measure applies; and for the other two, they made nonsubstantive, technical amendments.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 3, 2024.

S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

“For these measures before us: For the first measure, on S.C.R. 1, the House only changed the dates to which the

measure applies; and for the other two, they made nonsubstantive, technical amendments.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE SPANISH PROVINCE OF THE BALEARIC ISLANDS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 3, 2024.

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

“I wanted to enter some comments into the Journal on H.B. 2298, C.D. 1. (The Chair so ordered.) Thank you.”

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

“I have comments also on the House Bill 2224 on the long-term care plan I’d like to insert into the Journal.” (The Chair so ordered.)

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

“Members, amongst all the historic bills we passed today, one of the most important is that we passed the shaka bill. Hawai‘i becomes the first state in America to recognize this as our, our—Hawai‘i’s—official state gesture. So, Mr. President, I ask that, as we gavel out for today’s session, that we rise on a moment of shaka. And, members, if you’re willing, don your lei and we’re going to look this way over to Thompson, who will record this momentous occasion. Thank you, Mr. President.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:14 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2024, on a rising shaka, in commemoration of the adoption of the shaka as the official gesture of the State of Hawai‘i as designated in Senate Bill No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.