

FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 9:54 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced members of Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action who were seated in the gallery, including Sarah Sumadi, director of government affairs for the Western Region of Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund; and Chris Marvin, national veteran head lead for Everytown for Gun Safety, former Army officer and combat-wounded veteran of the Afghanistan War, and Senator Rhoads's constituent. Senator Rhoads also welcomed guests in the gallery who were in attendance to express opposition to the firearms bill that he had introduced. Senator Rhoads then recognized Mark E. Recktenwald, chief justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court; Daylin-Rose Heather, deputy court administrator; and Brandon Kimura, director of the Policy & Planning Department of the Judiciary, who were present in the gallery. Senator Rhoads also acknowledged judges who were seated in the gallery.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 817 to 820) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 817, informing the Senate that on April 25, 2025, the House made the following changes to the conferees on the following bills:

H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representative Takenouchi added as co-chair.

Representative Yamashita discharged as co-chair.

H.B. No. 1153, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representative Morikawa added as a manager.

Representative Yamashita discharged as chair.

Representative Takenouchi discharged as a manager; added as chair.

S.B. No. 897, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

Representative Takenouchi added as co-chair.

Representative Yamashita discharged as co-chair.

Hse. Com. No. 818, informing the Senate that on April 25, 2025, the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

S.B. No. 1296, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1; and

S.B. No. 1318, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 819, informing the Senate that on April 25, 2025, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and Finally Adopted the following House concurrent resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 25, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;

H.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1;

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

H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;

H.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1;

H.C.R. No. 146, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;

H.C.R. No. 171, S.D. 1;

H.C.R. No. 174, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and

H.C.R. No. 203, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 820, informing the Senate that on April 25, 2025, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed H.B. No. 622, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 on Final Reading.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority of the following:

TODD APO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 510; and

ROY PFUND, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 602.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 510 and 602 was deferred until Friday, May 2, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2011) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission of the following:

LEINAALA LOPEZ, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 506;

PAMELA ALCONCEL, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 507;

BEVERLY LEE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 508; and

LOUISE ALINA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 556.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2011 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 506, 507, 508, and 556 was deferred until Friday, May 2, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2012) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts of the following:

JANET SATO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 740;

MARCIA ROBERTS-DEUTSCH, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 742; and

RANDALL FRANCISCO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 743.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2012 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 740, 742, and 743 was deferred until Friday, May 2, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2013) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JUDY KOVELL to the Medical Advisory Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 654.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2013 and Gov. Msg. No. 654 was deferred until Friday, May 2, 2025.

ORDER OF THE DAY
ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2001 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 784 and 785):

Senator Kim moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2001 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried.

Senator Kim then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education of the following:

TERRENCE GEORGE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 784); and

WENDY HENSEL, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 785),

seconded by Senator Kidani.

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

For Gov. Msg. No. 784: Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

For Gov. Msg. No. 785: Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2002 (Gov. Msg. No. 697):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2002 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 DEAN MATSUKAWA as Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture (position amended to Deputy to the Chairperson by Gov. Msg. No. 798), term to expire December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator Gabbard spoke in support of the nominee as follows:

“Colleagues, Dean has over 30 years of experience in agricultural finance and a deep background in farming. He combines his financial expertise with firsthand knowledge of Hawai‘i’s agricultural landscape. As agricultural loan administrator for the Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture loan program, he grew \$17 million to \$26 million in loans supporting local farmers. Dean played a key role in modernizing loan systems, expanding access to capital for farmers statewide, and crafting legislation to strengthen the industry.

“Raised on his family’s farm in Waiāhole Valley, Dean brings a lifetime of connection to the land. He was in the sixth class to graduate from the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai‘i. His contributions have earned him multiple honors, including the department’s Manager of the Year award. He’s been president of the East O‘ahu County Farm Bureau and president of the Kona County Farm Bureau.

“Dean is joined by his wife and better half, Anna Matsukawa, who’s been by his side through the many seasons of this journey, so we mahalo her, too, because we know this work is never done alone. So if both of you would please stand?”

“Colleagues, I ask you to join me in supporting G.M. 697.”

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. 2003 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 531, 532, and 533):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2003 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 Advisory Committee on Pesticides of the following:

JUDSON LAIRD, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 531);

NICHOLAS TESTA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 532); and

JANET ASHMAN, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 533),

seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator Gabbard spoke on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I’d also like to take a moment to recognize Nicholas Testa, who unfortunately couldn’t be here today. Nick will serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides through June 30, 2028. He currently serves as special services manager at Aloha Termite, where he leads efforts to combat invasive species like the coconut rhinoceros beetle and little fire ants. He’s also a trainer and safety officer with a strong foundation in pesticide education and structural pest management. So we mahalo Nick for stepping up to bring his boots-on-the-ground experience to the table. Mahalo.”

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. 2004 (Gov. Msg. No. 790):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2004 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KAREN T. NAKASONE as Chief Judge of the State of Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“Members, this is the third appearance by Judge Karen Nakasone before this body seeking confirmation to a judgeship. She was first confirmed in 2011 to the circuit court by unanimous vote. After nine years on the circuit court bench, she was elevated to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, again by unanimous vote. Now, Judge Nakasone has been appointed to the position of Chief Justice of the Intermediate Court of Appeals to succeed the Honorable Lisa Ginoza, who was elevated to the Supreme Court.

“Judge Nakasone received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. She received her juris doctor from the Boston University School of Law, where she was the vice president of the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and president of the university’s Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. Judge Nakasone has been licensed to practice law in the state since 1995.

“Judge Nakasone has dedicated her work to public service. Before law school, she interned with U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink, and during law school, she interned at the

Hawai'i attorney general's office. Her legal career began in 1995 by clerking for Judge Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., who sat on the ICA at the time. She then worked as a deputy public defender for the Office of the Public Defender for 15 years before joining the bench.

"It is somewhat unusual that over the span of 14 years, the Senate will have had three opportunities to review and comment on a judge's performance and qualifications. Judge Nakasone has shown herself to be a skillful and hard-working judge. She is aware of the requirements of the position and the challenges of leading a court that has repeatedly suffered from long backlogs. Her approach is to be steadfast and complete the task at hand, and she has set her sights on further decreasing the times of appeals to the ICA.

"Approximately 100 individuals attested to her qualifications for the chief judge position. This included several retired judges whom she appeared before or worked with on the bench and the two governors who appointed her previously. A member of Hawai'i's congressional team and numerous other members of the legal community also supported her.

"After having reviewed the testimony and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Karen T. Nakasone is qualified to serve as the chief judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Chief Judge Karen T. Nakasone, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Rhoads then recognized Chief Judge Nakasone's spouse, Roman Amaguin; their daughters Abby Nakasone-Amaguin, who was watching from Japan, and Ellie Nakasone-Amaguin, who was watching from Italy; her mother, Chieko Nakasone; her sister Nancy Tolentino; and all judges and staff members of the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals.

The Chair announced that any newly confirmed judges would be greeted on the Senate floor following the Senate's votes on the state budget and several floor amendments, after which the Senate would resume its calendar.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2005 (Gov. Msg. No. 788):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2005 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KARIN L. HOLMA as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of O'ahu), for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"Judge Karin Holma has been one of O'ahu's district court judges since 2020. She has presided over approximately 50 civil and criminal trials in district court, including landlord/tenant, breach of contract, and collection cases on the civil side, criminal misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor cases, as well as traffic and mental health court cases. During her time on the bench, Judge Holma advanced and was assigned as the lead civil judge in district court for a year. Then, for the past 14 months, she has been temporarily assigned to circuit court—the position she now seeks—where she has handled a range of circuit court civil cases, including breach of contract, business disputes, foreclosure, personal injury, negligence, toxic torts,

homeowners' association, employment, condemnation, and probate cases.

"Judge Holma was in private practice before becoming a judge, handling commercial litigation cases, including construction, real estate litigation, and business/partnership disputes. She worked at Bays Lung Rose & Holma for more than 25 years, where she was a name and managing partner by the time she left. During that time, she held leadership positions in the Hawaii State Bar Association, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and as a member of the Planning Commission for the City and County of Honolulu.

"Judge Holma also worked for a brief period as an assistant deputy attorney general for the Labor Division of the Department of the Attorney General and was a law clerk for Associate Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon on the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

"Judge Holma received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. She received her juris doctor from the Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon, where she was a member of the Moot Court Board and an associate editor for the *Willamette Law Review*. Judge Holma has been licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai'i since 1990.

"After having reviewed the testimony, the vast majority of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Karin L. Holma is qualified to serve as circuit court judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Chang introduced Judge Karin L. Holma, who was present in the gallery. Senator Chang also acknowledged Judge Holma's husband, Scotty Anderson; and members of her family who were watching from the mainland, including her mother.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2006 (Gov. Msg. No. 789):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2006 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of TARYN R. TOMASA GIFFORD as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of O'ahu), for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

"Taryn R. Tomasa Gifford, known professionally as Taryn Tomasa, has committed her legal practice to public service. Since 2003, she has worked at the Office of the Public Defender, providing legal representation for indigent individuals in bench and jury trials, administrative hearings, and at the appellate level. Ms. Tomasa currently is a supervising attorney, overseeing and training attorneys and staff in the district court and appellate sections. She is also a member of the office's legislative team.

"Before working at the Office of the Public Defender, Ms. Tomasa was a law clerk for Judge John S.W. Lim while he was both a circuit court judge and then an appellate court judge. She also worked for a year at the law firm of Perkin & Faria, where she appeared in family and probate court. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Ms. Tomasa worked as a paralegal and

advocate for AmeriCorps, assisting victims of domestic violence.

“Ms. Tomasa attended the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in history and graduated with honors. She received her juris doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. In law school, she received a CALI award for Excellence for the Future Award for Intellectual Property and was co-editor of the *Pacific Asian Law Journal*. Ms. Tomasa has been licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai‘i since 1998.

“After having reviewed the testimony, which was all in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Taryn R. Tomasa Gifford is qualified to serve as circuit court judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Gabbard introduced Judge Taryn R. Tomasa Gifford, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Gabbard also recognized Judge Tomasa’s husband, James; their sons Makani, who was present in the gallery, and Pono, who was watching from college; her parents; and other family members in the gallery and those watching from Arizona.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2007 (Jud. Com. No. 29):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2007 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of MARIA F. PENN as Judge of the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“Since 2022, Judge Penn has worked as a per diem judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit. She regularly serves as a judge two to three days a week in all divisions of family court: special division, juvenile division, domestic division, and family court criminal matters. Judge Penn is also a solo practitioner, focusing on general litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants. She handles cases in a variety of legal areas including contracts, construction, employment discrimination, wrongful termination, divorce, paternity, and temporary restraining orders. Judge Penn has assisted in criminal trials with jury selection and prepared and drafted various motions and memoranda.

“Judge Penn’s introduction to law was as a paralegal at the Office of Myles S. Breiner, where she made the decision to go to law school. After receiving her law degree, she returned to the firm as an associate attorney and worked on various criminal defense, family law, and civil litigation cases. Judge Penn is an active member of the legal community, having volunteered for Courts in the Community, as the head coach for the Hawai‘i Baptist Academy mock trial team, and with the Judiciary’s Family Court Kids First program.

“Judge Penn attended the University of Southern California, where she received a bachelor of music degree in piano performance. She received her juris doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at

Mānoa. She has been licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai‘i since 2003.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Maria F. Penn is qualified to serve as a district family court judge of the First Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Chang introduced Judge Maria F. Penn, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Chang then acknowledged Judge Penn’s husband, Jay Penn; her mother, Nobuko Dumlao; her brother Baldwin Dumlao; other family members and friends who were present in the gallery or watching online; her family court ‘ohana; and her colleagues from the Law Office of Michael Green.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2008 (Jud. Com. No. 30):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2008 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of WILSON A. UNGA as Judge of the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“Wilson Unga has committed his career to public service. Since 2013, he has worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. He is currently the department’s felony trials division chief, and in that role, he supervises litigation and administrative activities for all felony prosecutors assigned to the division. Mr. Unga was previously a domestic violence felony team captain, overseeing the prosecution of felony domestic violence cases.

“Before working at the department, Mr. Unga clerked for two years, first for Judge Edwin Nacino on the Circuit Court for the First Circuit and then for Justice Richard Pollack at the Hawai‘i Supreme Court. Mr. Unga is also active in the legal community as a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association’s Judicial Administration Committee and the Judiciary’s Court Interpreters and Language Access Committee and as a board member for the Pacific Islander Legal Association.

“Mr. Unga received a bachelor of science degree in international politics from Georgetown University, where he graduated cum laude. He also earned a master of business administration degree from the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, where he graduated cum laude and was the recipient of the Shidler Department Merit Scholarship and Chew Jay Family Scholarship. Mr. Unga received his juris doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa, where he received the John S. Edmunds Award for excellence in legal writing, was a recipient of the Advocates for Public Interest Law Grant, and was co-editor in chief for the *Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal*. Mr. Unga has been licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai‘i since 2012.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Wilson A. Unga is qualified

to serve as a district family court judge of the First Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.”

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

“I know this man. This is a good man. He’s very deserving of this honor, and I am very proud of him and proud to support his nomination. I can imagine what it’s like for my family—how proud they are to be able to say, you know, we have a senator in the family. I can only imagine for his family. And then, we’ve seen it with the other judges today—what a proud moment it is for everyone in the family to be able to say, one of ours is a judge. So to all of the family and to Wilson: strong support. I know you’re going to do great things, and I’m so happy that you’re here today, stepping forward to serve in this role. Thank you.”

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

“If the Judiciary did an NFL draft like they did last week, Wilson Unga would probably be categorized by ESPN as a sleeper pick. If you look up that in AI and what it means: someone with the potential to go beyond what’s expected of them. Wilson could’ve took a job out of state, could’ve took many jobs out of state to make a lot more money. But being a resident of Kahuku and that community, he recognizes that family, the community, the Polynesians we represent, the help is needed in the Judiciary, and he chose kuleana over what could have benefited him personally and financially. So, with that, much respect to you, and thank you for serving.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Gabbard introduced Judge Wilson A. Unga, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Gabbard then recognized Judge Unga’s wife, Sunny; their three daughters, Ina Mae, Joanne, and Alana; his parents, Livingston and Fifita Unga; his sister Ina Mae Taea; and other family members joining them in the gallery or watching from Utah and elsewhere.

The Chair commented:

“Now that we’ve taken the vote, I know we’ve made much over the past decade or so about getting more gender equity on the bench, and with five of the six nominees for confirmation women, the chief justice as well as the last two governors have worked diligently to find very qualified women, and we celebrate, you know, the women who come forward and allow us to have the court reflect what our community looks like.

“I think what Senator Keohokalole was alluding to but didn’t say clearly (and I’m going to take Judge Unga’s word for it when I met with him), he will be the first of Tongan ancestry to be confirmed to the Hawai’i bench and to your remarks, Senator Awa, is clearly aware of the role model that he is and the glass ceiling that his nomination has shattered, so I extend my congratulations.”

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2009 (Jud. Com. No. 31):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2009 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of ROCHELLE I. VIDINHA CUSUMANO (name amended to ROCHELLE I. VIDINHA CUSUMANO by Jud. Com. No. 32) as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“Rochelle Vidinha Cusumano is another appointee who has dedicated her career to public service. Known professionally as Rochelle Vidinha, she has worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for 24 years. Ms. Vidinha is the department’s team captain for the Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Unit. In that role, she is responsible for supervising several deputy prosecuting attorneys and handling a high volume of sexual assault and human trafficking cases. She has prosecuted numerous felony sexual assault and related cases, including human trafficking, child pornography, commercial sexual exploitation, and kidnapping cases. She also serves as the coordinator for the Honolulu County Human Trafficking Task Force, facilitating a coordinated effort between county, state, and federal law enforcement and service providers.

“Ms. Vidinha has been recognized for her professional work and is a recipient of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney’s Excellence Award and the Hawaii Women Lawyers Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award. She has also been faculty with the Hawaii State Bar Association’s Trial Academy. Prior to law school, Ms. Vidinha worked as a parole officer for the Hawaii Paroling Authority for nine years.

“Ms. Vidinha earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and social work from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. She earned her juris doctor from the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, where she was a recipient of the Kamehameha Schools Scholarship. Ms. Vidinha has been licensed to practice law in the state of Hawai’i since 2001.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Rochelle I. Vidinha Cusumano is qualified to serve as a district court judge of the First Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

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

“Colleagues, in the past few years, Wai’anae has been rocked to its core with bad news. In 2023, we saw an increase of homicides, upwards to about 80 percent. We are constantly filled through the media with shootings, domestic violence, human sex trafficking.

“And this is the day where we are able to acknowledge the good that is coming out of Wai’anae. Rochelle is a reflection of the good people that continue to fight through the adversity and fight through the struggle of what the surroundings wants to say and keep us in violence and poverty. Today is the day that her being confirmed is not only a position, it is a role model for kids in our community, for them to see that there is a way out. And the same struggles that our kids face today is the same struggles that Rochelle has had to come through to show the 96792 that not only can good things come out of Wai’anae, but good things can come out of Wai’anae to promote and to make the state of Hawai’i a better place. Rochelle is somebody who I have met in the community, somebody who is boots on the ground, but, most importantly, somebody who does not forget where she comes from—that she will continue to contribute back to the 96792, and she will not move out of Wai’anae and then forget about us, but she will use her knowledge and her skills to help the youth in our community to be elevated and to show our people that she looks like us, she sounds like us, she moves like us, and this is the role models that we need to see not only in Wai’anae but in the state of Hawai’i. So, with that, I proudly

support your nomination and ask my colleagues to also support as well. Thank you.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Rochelle I. Vidinha Cusumano, who was present in the gallery. Senator Rhoads also acknowledged Judge Vidinha’s husband, Michael Cusumano; their sons Kuponu and La’akea; her mother Sharon Vidinha; her brother Richard Vidinha and sisters Elise Rego and Naomi Morgan; her niece Keely Rego; and her mother Joann Cusumano, who was watching from Hilo.

The Chair reiterated that the newly confirmed judges would be greeted on the Senate floor following the Senate’s votes on the state budget and several floor amendments.

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45 (H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Dela Cruz moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45 be adopted and H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Moriwaki.

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

“I have about, maybe about 30 pages, but I don’t want the judges waiting, so I’m just going to submit written remarks. But I do want to thank the House Finance chair and especially the Ways and Means committee and the committee chairs, all the staff, the administration, all those ASOs and budget staff that helped put together the budget. And, with that said, I ask my colleagues to support the budget, and if I can have written remarks inserted into the Journal? Thank you.”

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

“Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate, and colleagues on the Senate Ways and Means, I want to begin by expressing deep gratitude for the collaboration, diligence, and care that each of you brought to this budget process. With your leadership, we have crafted a budget that responds to the needs of our people while navigating ongoing uncertainty at the federal level. Despite declining revenue projections from the Council on Revenues as of March 12, 2025, we have delivered a balanced, strategic budget grounded in fiscal responsibility and our shared values. This balanced budget reflects a deliberate approach, directing strategic and impactful investments toward the areas of greatest importance to our communities. This includes regional economic development, workforce readiness, public education, healthcare accessibility, and housing which are all critical pillars for long-term resilience and well-being across our islands and for the constituents we serve. The Conference Draft of HB300 appropriates \$19,940,654,149 across all means of financing, with \$10,593,637,391 in general funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$19,758,753,598 across all means of financing, with \$10,637,871,235 in general funds in fiscal year 2027. Even given the current uncertainty in federal affairs, I am proud to stand before you today with a budget proposal that not only maintains critical services, but expands access, opportunity, and dignity.

“Economic Development: The conference draft of our budget sets a path towards sustainability, prosperity, equity, and resilience for generations to come, which is why over the fiscal biennium I would like to highlight that we added: 44 permanent positions and \$26,643,462 for biosecurity, which will allow us

to better prevent, detect, and respond to invasive species that threaten our ecosystems, agriculture, and even community identities. Moreover, we continue to demonstrate our commitment to agriculture, as we appropriated funds for 1 permanent position and \$4,285,316 to support local commodity growth, promoting sustainable farming practices, and enhancing the economic stability of our rural communities. We also supplemented \$6,000,000 in programs dedicated to small businesses and programs for aspiring entrepreneurs to provide mentorship opportunities, workforce training, and resources that help launch and sustain successful enterprises across our communities.

“Workforce Readiness and Public Education: Rooted in the core values that define Hawai’i, we made investments focusing on our keiki, by adding \$41,980,000 for summer learning programs to provide an extended learning opportunity for students to have access to academic courses, enrichment, and acceleration. For school meal shortfalls, \$49,380,000 has been dedicated to address the rise in food costs. This appropriation will help mitigate the shortfall to provide meals for our students. Further supporting our keiki, we also appropriated \$8,000,000 for the Department of Education’s Hoakea Program, which is in partnership with the Polynesian Voyaging Society. This program is rooted in the values of mālama honua — caring for our Earth. This initiative brings cultural and environmental stewardship into our classrooms, inspiring students, and communities with a stronger sense of purpose, place, and responsibility.

“Healthcare Accessibility and Housing: We recognize the critical role that stable housing plays in stable employment, optimized learning, and physical and mental well-being. Thus, we took decisive action to address housing and public well-being. A total of \$22,600,000 million has been directed to affordable housing initiatives, helping to stabilize housing access for residents statewide. These include critical programs that assist one of our most vulnerable populations ensuring access not only to safe, stable housing, but also to critical healthcare services. We provided \$1,346,000 to support the Office of Wellness and Resilience—to continue Hawai’i’s largest statewide health survey and advancing efforts to promote mental health and overall community wellness. These investments reflect our commitment to addressing long-standing challenges while building a stronger, healthier future.

“To close, I want to again thank the Senate Subject-Matter Chairs for your tireless work with departments to analyze budget requests, the Ways and Means Committee members for their bold leadership in developing a solution-oriented budget, Vice Chair Moriwaki and her team for crafting the CIP budget, and finally the House Finance Committee members and their staff for their hard work and collaboration of producing the Conference Draft. I’d like to also thank the Ways and Means budget staff for their dedication and perseverance in putting together the Conference draft of the operating budget: Committee Clerk Scott Fuji, Budget Chief Colin Peros, Budget Analysts: Kristen Hernandez, Leanne Chung, and Kathy Sokugawa, Office Manager Dot Fujinaga, and Legislative Aides: Malachi Burrows, Trey Miller, and Jovanna Tiet. The Conference Draft of HB300 reflects our shared commitment to building a more resilient Hawai’i. This budget positions us to work together in shaping a future that is stable, sustainable, and locally driven for our islands.”

At 10:32 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

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

“Mr. President, I, too, would like to thank colleagues, you, and also the capital improvements chair from the House Finance and especially the WAM chair because I think we have a good CIP budget. I do have written remarks that I would like to be placed in the Journal. Mahalo.”

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

“Mr. President, I rise in support.

“Mr. President, I also want to thank you and our colleagues for setting the priorities that are reflected in the CIP budget. I want to especially thank the Ways and Means Chair for his leadership and guidance in crafting the state budget.

“As to the CIP budget, I thank members in helping to identify district areas of need. The focus of this budget is on essentials: health and safety, compliance, infrastructure, maintenance and modernization of state assets.

“We also stressed our Senate priorities: affordable housing and infrastructure, education and workforce development, economic development and diversification, and environmental sustainability.

“Some highlights of the CIP biennium budget totalling \$1,851,085,000 include:

- \$480,000,000 for housing and infrastructure—covering financing affordable housing programs (\$240 million for Rental Housing Revolving Fund and Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund); \$70 million for kupuna housing (\$35million for kupuna supportive and \$35 million for the Maui Veterans Home; kauhale projects (\$37million); and student and workforce housing at the university of hawaii (\$133 million for Manoa (\$118 million and Kauai Community College (\$15 million)).
- \$507,000,000 for education and workforce development, covering the Department of Education building improvements of \$214 million for repair and maintenance and upgrading to compliance, code requirements and other education priorities; \$72 million for regional kitchens to support local school lunches; \$20 million for pre-kindergarten classroom capacity; \$52 million for repairs and maintenance of our state libraries; and \$149 million for building improvements and modernization of the university of hawaii campuses statewide;
- \$3,748,000,000 of which 95% is federal funds for economic development and diversification, including agricultural innovations, and transportation modernization such as
 - \$36 million for repair and upgrades of the Convention Center;
 - \$3.28 billion for transportation systems improvements and modernization (\$1.78 billion for airports, \$1.42 million for commercial harbors and \$1.5 billion for state highways);
 - \$127 million for agricultural industry development and innovations (\$48 million for land acquisition to expand Hawaii’s agriculture initiatives;\$22 million for state irrigation projects and reservoir safety;\$29 million for post-harvest and food processing facilities;\$21 million for small animal slaughterhouse, processing, and storage facility; \$7 million for Halawa animal industry facility)
- \$201,000,000 for environmental sustainability projects.
 - \$7 million for climate change and sea level rise adaptation projects
 - \$16 million for watershed protection initiatives

- \$10 million for state parks
- \$8 million to monitor the health of drinking water aquifers
- \$132 million of which 42% is federal funds for wastewater and safe drinking water
- \$28 million for small boat harbors, including Lahaina small boat harbor

“And \$20 million in CIP grants-in-aid were awarded to projects across the state with high priority on meeting the health and safety needs of those serving the vulnerable in their communities; affordable and supportive housing; economic opportunities; and preserving historic venues. We look forward to these partners advancing their projects to best support their communities.

“**Conclusion:** I present this fiscally responsible budget that puts our community first. It is a culmination of the hard work of many and I again thank Senate President and all of you; and especially Ways & Means Chair Dela Cruz and his staff.

“I want to also thank my staff -- CIP staff Joseph Kopsky, and District staff: Alex Ozawa, Charles Izumoto, Venus Delos Santos, and Cody Rex. Mahalo!”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45 was adopted and H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 (S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Elefante moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 be adopted and S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

Senator DeCoite then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 15) to S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1:

Section 1. Senate Bill No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. Section 134-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§134-8 Ownership, etc., of automatic firearms, silencers, etc., prohibited; penalties.** “(a) The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of any of the following shall be prohibited: assault pistols, except as provided by section 134-4(e); assault rifles, except as provided by section 134-4(f); assault shotguns, except as provided by section 134-4(f); .50 caliber firearm, except as provided by section 134-4(f); automatic firearms; rifles with barrel lengths less than sixteen inches; ghost guns; shotguns with barrel lengths less than eighteen inches; cannons; mufflers, silencers, or devices for deadening or muffling the sound of discharged firearms; hand grenades, dynamite, blasting caps, bombs, or bombshells, or other explosives; or any type of ammunition or any projectile component thereof coated with ~~teflon~~ Teflon or any other similar coating designed primarily to enhance its capability to penetrate metal or pierce protective armor; and any type of ammunition or any projectile component thereof designed or intended to explode or segment upon impact with its target.

This subsection shall not apply to a person’s possession of an assault rifle, an assault shotgun, or a .50 caliber firearm registered to the person before January 1, 2026, pursuant to 134-3.

A person authorized under this subsection to possess an assault rifle, an assault shotgun, or a .50 caliber firearm shall possess that weapon only:

- (1) On private property owned or immediately controlled by the person;
- (2) On private property that is not open to the public with the express permission of the person who owns or immediately controls the property;
- (3) While on the premises of a licensed firearms dealer or gunsmith for the purpose of lawful repair;
- (4) While engaged in the legal use of the assault rifle, assault shotgun, or .50 caliber firearm at a properly licensed firing range or sport shooting competition venue; or
- (5) While traveling to or from the locations listed in paragraphs (1) through (4); provided that the assault rifle, assault shotgun, or .50 caliber firearm is unloaded in an enclosed container, as defined in section 134-24.

(b) Any person who installs, removes, or alters a firearm part with the intent to convert the firearm to an automatic firearm shall be deemed to have manufactured an automatic firearm in violation of subsection (a).

(c) The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ~~[ammunition]~~ magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds that are designed for or capable of use with ~~[a pistol]~~ any firearm shall be prohibited. This subsection shall not apply to magazines originally designed to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition that have been modified to accept no more than ten rounds and that are not capable of being readily restored to a capacity of more than ten rounds.

(d) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) shall be guilty of a class C felony and shall be imprisoned for a term of five years without probation. Any person violating subsection (c) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor except when a detachable magazine prohibited under this section is possessed while inserted into a ~~[pistol]~~ firearm in which case the person shall be guilty of a class C felony.

(e) In any prosecution for the manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of a ghost gun, it shall be an affirmative defense that the person holds a current license to sell and manufacture firearms for sale under section 134-31, or that the person is a dealer licensed by the United States Department of Justice, or that the firearm is not required to have a serial number under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the possession of an assault rifle, assault shotgun, or detachable magazine with a capacity greater than ten rounds shall be lawful if:

- (1) The assault rifle, assault shotgun, or detachable magazine with a capacity greater than ten rounds was lawfully possessed within the State before January 1, 2026;
- (2) The owner is not disqualified under section 134-7 from the ownership, possession, or control of a firearm;
- (3) The owner resides in the State;
- (4) The firearm is stored in a secure, locked gun safe or other locked storage container that is inaccessible to unauthorized users; and

(5) The assault rifle, assault shotgun, or detachable magazine with a capacity greater than ten rounds is registered with the chief of police of the appropriate county on or before July 1, 2026.

(g) Dealers licensed under section 134-31 operating in the State may sell, repair, service, or transfer firearms and magazines that are lawfully possessed by a qualified owner under subsection (f).

(h) If the State requires the surrender, seizure, or prohibition of any firearm or magazine lawfully possessed before January 1, 2026, the State shall provide just compensation to the registered owner in an amount equal to the fair market value of the firearm or magazine at the time of surrender. Compensation shall be paid within ninety days of surrender, seizure, or prohibition.

(i) This section shall not apply to the possession or use of an assault rifle, assault shotgun, or detachable magazine with a capacity greater than ten rounds when used for:

- (1) Lawful subsistence hunting by residents of the State engaged in traditional and customary practices recognized under article XII, section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution; or
- (2) Invasive species control authorized by the department of land and natural resources, or by private landowners participating in conservation and wildlife management activities consistent with state permits and regulations.”

Senator DeCoite moved that Floor Amendment No. 15 be adopted, seconded by Senator Richards.

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

“I rise to offer an amendment to S.B. No. 401, C.D. 1, Relating to Firearms: an amendment grounded in fairness, constitutional duty, public safety, and responsible environmental management. This amendment does four key things: First, it grandfathers in law-abiding citizens statewide, whether on O’ahu or the neighbor islands, who legally acquired firearms and standard-capacity magazines prior to January 1, 2026. Secondly, it allows licensed firearms dealers statewide to continue lawfully servicing, repairing, and transferring those grandfathered items. Third, it preserves the rights of subsistent hunters and conservation workers, especially Native Hawaiians protected under Article XII, Section 7, of the Hawai’i Constitution. And, fourth, it requires just compensation if the state forces the surrender of legally owned firearms or magazines as required under both the U.S. and Hawai’i Constitutions.

“But I must raise a broader urgent concern, one that affects every island, every budget, and every taxpayer: the rising toll of invasive species in Hawai’i. On Moloka’i and Maui, axis deer have caused devastation and wreaked havoc, stripping our pasture lands, collapsing our native ecosystems, destroying irrigation systems, and driving ranchers into crisis. On Hawai’i Island, feral pigs are tearing through farms and forest, spreading disease and disrupting watershed protections. And across the state, we are already spending millions, if not billions, to contain little fire ants, coconut rhinoceros beetles, and coqui frogs—invasive species that directly harm our tourism, economy, and our quality of life. This is not just an ecological issue; it is a budgetary crisis, and we are paying for it with taxpayer dollars. And every time we remove a tool from the people on the frontlines—our hunters, ranchers, landowners, and conservation crews—we increase the costs. Without access to lawful and effective tools, we are tying one hand behind our back in the fight against these invasive species, and we are forcing the cost burden onto the state and onto the very

taxpayers who are already stretched thin. This amendment is about preserving the tools of stewardship: the ability to manage land responsibly to prevent the collapse of ecosystems and to ensure our local families, not just state agencies, can help fight this war.

“Mr. President, I must also raise one final concern, and that is the lack of a clear exemption in this bill for law enforcement officers and our DLNR personnel. As written, the bill could place police officers, sheriffs, tactical units, and conservation enforcement officers at risk of violating the very law they are sworn to enforce simply by carrying out their official duties using standard-issue equipment. This is not just a legal hazard; it’s a public safety failure, and this amendment assures we do not criminalize the lawful actions of those tasked with protecting our communities.

“Mr. President, this amendment keeps the public-safety goals of the bill intact and still prohibits new purchases and imports after January 1st of 2026 but ensures that our rural families, subsistence hunters, Native Hawaiian practitioners, licensed businesses, law enforcement, and conservation workers are not punished, disarmed, or disenfranchised in the process. Let us support responsible ownership. Let us support effective conservation. Let us stop the financial bleeding caused by invasive species. And let us ensure our laws are not enforced at the expense of those who protect the land. At the same time, the House has also filed the exact same amendment, and I respectfully urge the adoption of this amendment and the support of my colleagues. Mahalo, Mr. President.”

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

“Now, the big picture is, this amendment creates a huge carveout for the sale of assault weapons that, if we pass it, it basically eviscerates the underlying bill, so that’s the big picture.

“The grandfathering: The current draft of the underlying bill grandfatheres assault weapons that people own currently and up until the beginning of next year that they purchase before then.

“There’s already a storage protection bill that’s passed this year: H.B. 125 that was just grossed into law recently.

“For years, there’s been a law enforcement exemption. It’s covered by HRS 134-11. Law enforcement, military, government employees have all been covered for years so that they could purchase weapons that were not necessarily available to the general public.

“The House is very unlikely to pass this amendment, which means that if we do, the bill is dead. And there is also a technical problem with the bill: It amends a section that, in the ghost gun bill that we just passed and was signed into law (Act 18) about two weeks ago. And of course, the ghost gun bill is an important piece of legislation, and ghost guns are a serious threat, and I’d hate to see that legislation that we just passed compromised by amending it in this way. So, my request, respectfully, to my colleagues is to vote ‘no.’ Mahalo.”

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

“I’d like Senator DeCoite’s words be entered in as if they were my own. But to add to that, what this is, is striking to find some common ground on the different parties on this. The intent is to maintain public safety while recognizing that agriculture needs some tools in the toolbox. So I would ask that my colleagues support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

“You know, Senate President, all what Senator DeCoite said—the senator from Moloka’i and the neighbor islands—hundred percent right. If you don’t live on the neighbor islands, you don’t see the problems that is happening: deer going through the airports, busting up the land, taking away all their quality of life that they live. We don’t have that here; we have buildings all over the place, right? We live in urban—whatever you like call. We don’t have those issues. But, again, it’s taking away from an opportunity for eradicating some of these things. If you guys go to the windward side and you guys see how the wild boar and wild pigs going over there and destructing the land, raping the land, busting up the land, all of these things—these amendments will secure the rights of our people that want to defend not only their land but their way of life.

“Not having this bill, understand the scare tactics of what is being said over here about the ghost guns. We ban any guns today or anything like this and not support this amendment, ghost guns will always exist in our community. Going for a bill like this and saying that you don’t like this amendment because of those guns—after with or without this amendment, those guns will still exist no matter what. Thank you, and I urge my colleagues to please support this amendment.”

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

“Without this floor amendment, the bill in its original condition will not only restrict law-abiding citizens who legally carry, but this will also restrict our law enforcement officers. So, again, what this bill continues to turn out to be is not keeping our public safe, but it’s also hindering our sheriffs, our HPD workers, and those that are set out to protect us. And now it continues to leave us vulnerable in the area that I represent, which is the Wai’anae Coast. As I continue to be the voice of my community, saying over and over again about the rising crime and issue after issue, this would leave Wai’anae residents continually vulnerable to not only being unable to defend themselves but also hindering the protection of our law enforcement, so I encourage my colleagues to also support this floor amendment as I do. Thank you, President.”

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

“The most beneficial thing of the floor amendment is the grandfathering clause. My biggest problem with S.B. 401, C.D. 1 is the amendment that includes the possession of magazines with a capacity in excess of 10 rounds are designed. The mere possession is automatically a crime. So we have legal hunters with the common mag of 30 rounds. I don’t own—my family does. I do not appreciate our legislature ... We just passed substantial, strict gun laws. And, in fact, it is a testament to the history of the gun laws that we have passed that we have not ever had a history of an assault-rifle mass killing in this state. The last mass killing we had was over 25 years ago—that was Uyesugi. And it’s because of the strict gun laws we have now. And I have voted in favor of all of those strict gun laws. But now, at a time when we are actually going to criminalize legal hunters, we’ve gone too far. The grandfathering, at the very least, it allows them to keep what it is they’ve got. But we are actually making them criminals by possession of magazines that we had legalized before they bought it. And now, by their mere possession, because we decide to pass this bill, we decide to label them as criminals? And that, to me, is unethical and should not be tolerated by this body. Thank you.”

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

“So I’ve just been confirmed that the House has not offered this amendment, so passing this will kill the bill. I would also point out that a number of the issues that have been raised are

covered by the underlying bill. I won't repeat myself much—the grandfathering is already in there. This bill will make us safer, not less safe.

“Right now, you can buy for 120 bucks a hundred-round canister that will fit any of the AR-15-type assault rifles. And that's the whole point of the bill, is that when police are trying to take down a mass murderer shooter, the opportunity they have to do that is primarily when they're reloading, and if you have a hundred-round canister, you don't have to reload very often. So the whole point of the bill is to make that more difficult while grandfathering in all the weapons that people have currently. Mahalo.”

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

“I appreciate the introducer of the floor amendment for offering this. However, in its current form, I'm unable to support. Thank you.”

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

“I just wanted to have the comments of the senator from Puna as my own into the Senate Journal. Thank you.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“In support and would just like the records of the good speaker from Puna entered into the record as if they were my own.” (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.)

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

“In response to our Judiciary chair: Right at the start of our session, we ran over the amendment to the House side, and so they did file it, and it's waiting to be voted on. But like he made clear, for anybody who walked in late in the gallery, essentially what this amendment does—if you don't get caught up in everything that's in it—is, allows us to kill the bill. And so that's really what we're voting on. A 'yes' vote would help us do that, and a 'no' vote would remain status quo.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 15 was put by the Chair, with Senators Chang, Dela Cruz, Elefante, Fukunaga, Hashimoto, Ihara, Inouye, Kanuha, Keohokalole, Lee, and Rhoads voting “No.”

Action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 and S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “RELATING TO FIREARMS,” was deferred.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98 (S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98 be adopted and S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Chang.

Senator Lee then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 14) to S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by deleting Section 2.

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by amending page 7, line 16 to page 8, line 19, to read as follows:

“(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, beginning January 1, 2025, whenever any motor vehicle is determined, by means of an automated speed enforcement system, to have ~~exceeded the~~

~~posted maximum speed limit by not less than five miles per hour in violation of~~ violated section 291C-108, the State's third-party contractor shall cause a summons or citation, as described in this section, to be sent by first-class mail[that is postmarked within ten calendar days after the date of the incident, to the registered owner of the motor vehicle at the address on record at the vehicle licensing division. If the end of the ten-calendar-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the ending period shall run until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. The registered owner shall be determined by the identification of the motor vehicle license plate.”]

SECTION 3. Senate Bill No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, is amended by renumbering sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

Senator Lee moved that Floor Amendment No. 14 be adopted, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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

“This floor amendment would remove duplicative language that also exists in another bill that is poised to pass this chamber and the Legislature. So it would remove any potential conflict, should both measures be signed into law, without affecting the underlying substance of those bills.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 14 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 (S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 be adopted and S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Inouye.

Senator San Buenaventura then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 13) to S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by deleting the existing section 4 and inserting the following new section 4:

“SECTION 4. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for health - general administration (program ID HTH 907), contained in the final version of House Bill No. 300 passed by the legislature in the regular session of 2025, the sum of \$934,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 shall be deposited into the universal immunization purchase special fund.”

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Floor Amendment No. 13 be adopted, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz.

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

“The reason for the floor amendment is that the current C.D. 1 did not accurately reflect the WAM recommendation that we were required to adopt, and this floor amendment would fix that anomaly.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 13 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 (H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Aquino moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 be adopted and H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

Senator Aquino then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 11) to H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, section 12 is amended by declaring that the appropriations in this measure will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by 2 percent, rather than 1 percent, to read as follows:

"SECTION 12. 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 at the beginning of the regular session of 2025, the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 was exceeded by \$8,551,795 or one per cent. The appropriations contained in Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025 caused the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by an additional \$30,334,159. Therefore, the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 has already been exceeded by \$38,885,954 or 1 per cent.

The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$105,698,787, or 2 per cent. This declaration takes into account the additional general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2024-2025 in this Act only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs addressed by this Act."

Senator Aquino moved that Floor Amendment No. 11 be adopted, seconded by Senator Lee.

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

"There's an error in the general fund expenditure ceiling percentage in the C.D. 1. The lege drafters used a correct template and the dollar amount is correct, but the percentage calculation based on our calculator is 1.3 percent, which means the percentage amount should be rounded up to 2 percent to satisfy constitutional and statutory requirements."

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 11 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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 2, 2025.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 233 (H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Elefante moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 233 be adopted and H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

Senator Elefante then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 12) to H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1:

SECTION 1. House Bill No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, is amended by amending subsection (a) of section 132D-B on p. 7, lines 13-20, to read as follows:

"(a) A person commits the offense of sending or receiving fireworks or articles pyrotechnic by air delivery if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sends or receives any amount of aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic, consumer fireworks, or display fireworks via any form of air delivery, including but not limited to any private courier, commercial carrier, or mail or postal services; provided that a person possessing a current explosives license issued by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall not be prosecuted under this section if the person sends or receives the consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic via any form of air delivery in compliance with federal law."

Senator Elefante moved that Floor Amendment No. 12 be adopted, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

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

"The proposed floor amendment offered allows the film industry and other commercial entities to be able to import fireworks necessary to conduct business in accordance with federal shipping standards."

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 12 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Elefante then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 233 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried.

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 2, 2025.

At 10:59 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

The Chair stated:

"During the recess to greet the judges, there was a question on the vote to floor-amend Senate Bill 401. For the sake of transparency and clarity, I'm now going to ask the clerk to have a Roll Call vote. What is before us is the motion to amend S.B. No. 401, as discussed by the introducer, Senator DeCoite; Senator Richards with the second; and several other members; and, of course, you heard from Chairs Rhoads and Elefante in opposition to the amendment. Is everyone clear? A 'yes' vote is in favor of the amendment, and we would put the bill on 48-hour notice to vote on Friday; a 'no' vote to the amendment, we will then be taking up the bill in its current form today."

**RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN
EARLIER ON THE CALENDAR**

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 (S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 15, having been moved by Senator DeCoite and seconded by Senator Richards, was put by the Chair.

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

“Not in support of retaking the vote. We took the vote. If everybody looks on the video on YouTube under the Senate’s account, you’ll hear 11 names, and those 11 names are opposed. That means, including the president, that would be 12. That means we should have 13 for the amendment according to the video of the vote that we just took. But right now, for everybody who just rolled back in, we’re going to re-vote and probably lose. But if you check back the record, the amendment should go through, which would have, again, helped us kill the bill. Just want to make that clear. Thank you.”

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 15 was put by the Chair and carried, Roll Call vote having been requested, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 13. Noes, 12 (Chang, Dela Cruz, Elefante, Fukunaga, Hashimoto, Ihara, Inouye, Kanuha, Keohokalole, Lee, Moriwaki, Rhoads).

Senator DeCoite then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 2, 2025.

At 11:24 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:29 a.m.

The Chair announced:

“I have, during the recess, been approached by both the proponents of Senate Bill 401 and those who advocated the amendment that passed—as the House has not amended that bill and the bill cannot pass, if there are no objections, we are going to recommit Senate Bill 401.”

Senator Kim rose to speak in opposition to the recommittal as follows:

“Mr. President, I object to that. I think that it deserves to be voted upon.”

The Chair asked:

“So I had difficulty hearing, other than you’re objecting. You don’t want us to recommit the bill?”

Senator Kim responded:

“No, I think we need to vote on the bill, as amended, on Friday.”

The Chair asked:

“Further objections?”

Senator Kim stated:

“I move that we don’t commit.”

The Chair ordered S.B. No. 401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

FIREARMS,” to be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Senator Kim voting “No.”

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4 (S.B. No. 15, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4 was adopted and S.B. No. 15, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5 (S.B. No. 1377, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5 was adopted and S.B. No. 1377, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6 (S.B. No. 1413, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6 was adopted and S.B. No. 1413, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8 (H.B. No. 1093, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8 was adopted and H.B. No. 1093, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9 (H.B. No. 874, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9 was adopted and H.B. No. 874, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PERFORMERS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10 (S.B. No. 1452, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10 was adopted and S.B. No. 1452, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16 (S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16 was adopted and S.B. No. 326, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REVOLVING FUNDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17 (S.B. No. 1464, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17 was adopted and S.B. No. 1464, H.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. 18 (H.B. No. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18 was adopted and H.B. No. 692, H.D. 1, S.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. 22 (S.B. No. 79, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22 was adopted and S.B. No. 79, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23 (S.B. No. 292, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23 was adopted and S.B. No. 292, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24 (S.B. No. 385, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24 was adopted and S.B. No. 385, S.D. 1, 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. 26 (S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26 was adopted and S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27 (S.B. No. 281, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27 was adopted and S.B. No. 281, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORTURE," having been read

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28 (S.B. No. 332, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28 was adopted and S.B. No. 332, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORECLOSURES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29 (S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29 was adopted and S.B. No. 1373, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30 (H.B. No. 1291, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30 was adopted and H.B. No. 1291, H.D. 2, S.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. 31 (H.B. No. 345, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31 was adopted and H.B. No. 345, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33 (H.B. No. 320, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33 was adopted and H.B. No. 320, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34 (H.B. No. 703, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34 was adopted and H.B. No. 703, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35 (H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35 was adopted and H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36 (S.B. No. 140, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36 was adopted and S.B. No. 140, S.D. 2, H.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. 37 (S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37 was adopted and S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38 (S.B. No. 1263, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38 was adopted and S.B. No. 1263, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41 (H.B. No. 420, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41 was adopted and H.B. No. 420, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMEDIES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42 (H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42 was adopted and H.B. No. 529, 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. 43 (H.B. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43 was adopted and H.B. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44 (H.B. No. 544, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44 was adopted and H.B. No. 544, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PET INSURANCE,” having been

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46 (S.B. No. 405, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46 was adopted and S.B. No. 405, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47 (S.B. No. 1651, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47 was adopted and S.B. No. 1651, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48 (S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48 was adopted and S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1, H.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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49 (H.B. No. 799, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49 was adopted and H.B. No. 799, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52 (H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52 was adopted and H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53 (H.B. No. 1348, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53 was adopted and H.B. No. 1348, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55 (H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55 was adopted and H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56 (H.B. No. 401, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56 was adopted and H.B. No. 401, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59 (H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59 was adopted and H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63 (S.B. No. 951, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63 was adopted and S.B. No. 951, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66 (S.B. No. 102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66 was adopted and S.B. No. 102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTAURANTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67 (S.B. No. 1281, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67 was adopted and S.B. No. 1281, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70 (S.B. No. 1454, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70 was adopted and S.B. No. 1454, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72 (S.B. No. 1343, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72 was adopted

and S.B. No. 1343, S.D. 1, H.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. 73 (S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73 was adopted and S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 (H.B. No. 1422, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 was adopted and H.B. No. 1422, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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. 83 (S.B. No. 1245, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83 was adopted and S.B. No. 1245, S.D. 2, H.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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86 (S.B. No. 1298, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86 was adopted and S.B. No. 1298, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87 (S.B. No. 1322, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87 was adopted and S.B. No. 1322, S.D. 2, 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. 91 (S.B. No. 1051, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91 was adopted and S.B. No. 1051, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96 (S.B. No. 1522, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96 was adopted and S.B. No. 1522, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE TITLE TRANSFERS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101 (S.B. No. 597, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101 was adopted and S.B. No. 597, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DRIVERS LICENSE REVOCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103 (S.B. No. 1365, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103 was adopted and S.B. No. 1365, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104 (S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104 was adopted and S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, H.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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 (H.B. No. 1091, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Richards, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 was adopted and H.B. No. 1091, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEWER TRANSMISSION LINES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114 (S.B. No. 1422, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114 was adopted and S.B. No. 1422, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122 (S.B. No. 428, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122 was adopted and S.B. No. 428, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESS FEES," having been read

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124 (S.B. No. 572, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124 was adopted and S.B. No. 572, S.D. 1, 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. 125 (S.B. No. 576, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125 was adopted and S.B. No. 576, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 (S.B. No. 383, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 was adopted and S.B. No. 383, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL PURCHASES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 (H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 was adopted and H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 (S.B. No. 336, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 was adopted and S.B. No. 336, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 (S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 was adopted and S.B. No. 855, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145 (S.B. No. 1065, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145 was adopted and S.B. No. 1065, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SKILLS-BASED HIRING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 (S.B. No. 1491, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 was adopted and S.B. No. 1491, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147 (S.B. No. 1567, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147 was adopted and S.B. No. 1567, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148 (S.B. No. 1367, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Richards and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148 was adopted and S.B. No. 1367, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSTALLMENT LOANS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 (H.B. No. 1370, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 was adopted and H.B. No. 1370, H.D. 1, S.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. 150 (H.B. No. 505, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150 was adopted and H.B. No. 505, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RED HILL," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 (H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 was

adopted and H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 (S.B. No. 1048, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 was adopted and S.B. No. 1048, 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. 163 (H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163 was adopted and H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 (H.B. No. 1424, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 was adopted and H.B. No. 1424, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 (H.B. No. 1052, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 was adopted and H.B. No. 1052, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 (H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Richards and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 was adopted and H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 (H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 was adopted and H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 (H.B. No. 250, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 was adopted and H.B. No. 250, 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. 182 (H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182 was adopted and H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 (H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 was adopted and H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 (S.B. No. 662, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 was adopted and S.B. No. 662, S.D. 1, 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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 (S.B. No. 1220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 was adopted and S.B. No. 1220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 (S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 was adopted and S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 203 (S.B. No. 1009, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 203 was adopted and S.B.

No. 1009, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 204 (S.B. No. 1526, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 204 was adopted and S.B. No. 1526, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 207 (H.B. No. 1156, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 207 was adopted and H.B. No. 1156, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL FACILITY REVENUE BONDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 209 (H.B. No. 860, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 209 was adopted and H.B. No. 860, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIABILITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 210 (H.B. No. 1159, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 210 was adopted and H.B. No. 1159, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 211 (H.B. No. 960, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 211 was adopted and H.B. No. 960, H.D. 1, S.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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 212 (H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 212 was adopted and H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, S.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, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 234 (H.B. No. 1409, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 234 was adopted and H.B. No. 1409, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240 (H.B. No. 1293, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240 was adopted and H.B. No. 1293, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 246 (H.B. No. 1173, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 246 was adopted and H.B. No. 1173, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX LIENS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 250 (H.B. No. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 250 was adopted and H.B. No. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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. 254 (H.B. No. 712, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 254 was adopted and H.B. No. 712, 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. 257 (H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 257 be adopted and H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kim.

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

"Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this measure.

"This bill increases the cigarette tax by two cents, bringing the total amount dedicated to the University of Hawai'i Cancer

Center to four cents per cigarette. This adjustment is projected to generate approximately \$12 million in annual revenue.

"Under this measure, all four cents will be dedicated specifically to covering the Cancer Center's debt service and the repair and maintenance of its facility — expenses which currently exceed \$6 million annually. Importantly, the debt is not expected to be fully paid off until 2041.

"When the cigarette tax was first adopted in 2007, the original two-cent allocation generated over \$19 million per year. However, that amount has steadily declined to approximately \$6 million today. Despite receiving this revenue for nearly two decades, the Cancer Center has not set aside any reserves to cover long-term debt obligations or future facility needs.

"As a result, the University of Hawai'i recently requested over \$9 million in general funds from the State budget to cover the debt service — on a permanent basis.

"It's important to remember that when the Legislature approved the tax in 2007, the University proposed the funding formula and assured us that this revenue stream would allow the Cancer Center to be financially self-sustaining. For the past four years, I have consistently urged the University to develop a long-term financial sustainability plan, especially as cigarette tax revenues have declined — from over \$19 million to just \$6 million today. Unfortunately, instead of producing a long-term solution, UH has focused solely on requesting additional state funding, and raising the cigarette tax which is not a sustainable approach.

"That said, I want to acknowledge and appreciate President Hensel's recent commitment to provide the Legislature with a comprehensive financial plan for the Cancer Center before the next session. That is a necessary and welcome step forward.

"We must protect the Cancer Center from insolvency — and that is why this bill provides a short-term funding solution. But we must also hold UH and the Cancer Center accountable for their fiscal management. The Cancer Center's current operating budget is \$66 million, up from \$50 million just last year. Yet not a single dollar has been placed in reserve for debt service or building maintenance.

"HB441 promotes greater fiscal responsibility by ensuring that cigarette tax revenues are directly applied to the Center's debt. To reach a compromise and move this measure forward, the Conference Committee agreed to the House's proposal to sunset the dedication of two of the four cents after five years.

"This is a balanced and pragmatic approach — one that provides immediate support while setting a clear expectation for future accountability. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important measure. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 257 was adopted and H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3 (H.B. No. 1051, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3 was adopted and H.B. No. 1051, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7 (H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7 was adopted and H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11 (S.B. No. 176, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11 was adopted and S.B. No. 176, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUNTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12 (S.B. No. 88, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12 was adopted and S.B. No. 88, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13 (S.B. No. 222, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13 was adopted and S.B. No. 222, S.D. 1, H.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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14 (S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14 be adopted and S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Rhoads.

At 11:34 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14 was adopted and S.B. No. 601, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

The Chair announced that action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 215 and H.B. No. 958, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1 would be moved to the end of the calendar.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15 (S.B. No. 1030, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15 was adopted and S.B. No. 1030, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20 (S.B. No. 31, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20 was adopted and S.B. No. 31, 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, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32 (H.B. No. 957, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32 was adopted and H.B. No. 957, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAULAU DAY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50 (H.B. No. 511, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50 was adopted and H.B. No. 511, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51 (H.B. No. 732, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51 be adopted and H.B. No. 732, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

"Just really quickly here: Because of, you know, being in the party that we're in, we catch a lot of flak from environmentalists. Environmentalists and our community out here on the North Shore—we're against this bill. **We** are against this bill. We hear you folks. The other side is not in this case. And so I just want to state that for the record. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51 was adopted and H.B. No. 732, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AREAS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54 (H.B. No. 103, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54 was adopted and H.B. No. 103, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Aquino, Elefante). Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60 (H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60 be adopted and H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Moriawaki.

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

“First, I want to thank my colleagues and especially the chair of Ways and Means and the chair of Finance for agreeing to support this bill and others that invest in our future by shoring up the judicial branch of government.

“This session, the committees passed measures that made permanent the Women’s Court and the Community Outreach Court. We saw increases in payments to witnesses who appear in court, for professionals that examine defendants for whether they are mentally fit to stand trial, for court-appointed lawyers in criminal cases, and increased positions to provide critical probationary services. Finally, with H.B. 398, the committees increased payments for court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem. The pay for guardians ad litem has not been increased in 18 years. The pay for court-appointed attorneys has not been increased in 20 years. Consequently, our courts and the people of Hawai‘i face a deep shortage of lawyers willing to represent the most vulnerable people in our state. The Judiciary has stated that, while the entire state is affected by this situation, there’s an unchecked crisis in the Third Circuit, the island of Hawai‘i, as judges struggle to find lawyers and guardians ad litem. In family court, these professionals perform a critical role in a wide range of family court cases, including representing the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected and parents whose parental rights may be terminated. Without this bill, many people cannot obtain timely legal representation, a fundamental and constitutional right in the state of Hawai‘i. Some may view these as minor problems in the broad scheme of things, but our constitution requires that criminal defendants be assigned a lawyer if they cannot afford one. With the Office of the Public Defender stretched past its limit and very few attorneys willing to take cases where the judge appoints them because of the low reimbursement rate, serious cases can be dismissed for constitutional reasons and those accused of serious crimes released without a trial. These bills make that nightmare scenario much less likely. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60 was adopted and H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61 (H.B. No. 277, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61 was adopted and H.B. No. 277, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICULAR PURSUIT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62 (H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62 was adopted and H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, S.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, 23. Noes, 2 (McKelvey, San Buenaventura).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65 (S.B. No. 532, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65 was adopted and S.B. No. 532, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, 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, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69 (S.B. No. 1433, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69 was adopted and S.B. No. 1433, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARM REDUCTION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71 (S.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71 was adopted and S.B. No. 694, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DETENTION OF MINORS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 (S.B. No. 38, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 was adopted and S.B. No. 38, 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, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Elefante, Fevella, Kim, McKelvey, Moriwaki). Noes, 2 (Awa, Ihara).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78 (S.B. No. 66, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78 was adopted and S.B. No. 66, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, 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. 79 (H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79 was adopted and H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, McKelvey).

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

The Senate reconvened at 11:49 a.m.

The Chair announced:

“Just so the members are aware of, procedurally, what we are doing: We received a verbal communication that there is an

error in Senate Bill 1396 that needs to be corrected according to DOTAX. Our crackerjack, ace staff has gotten the floor amendment ready to be considered, but we are not in receipt of DOTAX's memo as to why this needs to be done, so we're going to resume where we are, and as soon as we can get the memo so that we could justify amending it, then we'll proceed to the floor amendment."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 (H.B. No. 226, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 was adopted and H.B. No. 226, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WINDSHIELD TINTING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 4 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 (H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 was adopted and H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 (S.B. No. 104, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 was adopted and S.B. No. 104, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88 (S.B. No. 1323, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

The Chair announced:

"If there are no objections from the members, we will be recommitting this bill at the concurrence of both our Chair San Buenaventura and House Chair Takayama; there are some things that need to be fixed that can be done by next year."

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 1323, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," was recommitted to the Committee on Conference.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89 (S.B. No. 1429, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89 was adopted and S.B. No. 1429, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, 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, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92 (S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92 was adopted and S.B. No. 1095, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 (S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 was adopted and S.B. No. 1102, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 (S.B. No. 1195, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 was adopted and S.B. No. 1195, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, 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, 23; Ayes with Reservations (San Buenaventura). Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 (S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 was adopted and S.B. No. 1216, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, 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, 21. Noes, 4 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella, McKelvey).

At 11:54 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

The Chair asked:

"Can we consider the new floor amendment, Madam Clerk?"

The Clerk announced:

"Members, we are turning to page 35; this is Conference Committee Report 200."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 (S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator DeCoite moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 be adopted and S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Kanuha then offered the following floor amendment (Floor Amendment No. 16) to S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 1:

Section 1. S.B. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, is amended by page 15, line 9 through page 16, line 11, to read as follows:

"3. By amending subsection (e) to read:

"(e) Notwithstanding the tax rates established in subsections [~~(a)(5)~~] (a)(6) and [~~(c)(3)~~] (c)(4), the tax rates levied, assessed, and collected pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) shall be [40.25] eleven per cent for the period beginning on January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2030; provided that:

(1) The tax revenues levied, assessed, and collected pursuant to this subsection that are in excess of the

revenues realized from the levy, assessment, and collection of tax at the ~~9.25~~ ten per cent rate shall be deposited quarterly into the mass transit special fund established under section 248-2.7; and

- (2) If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the amount of county surcharge on state tax revenues deducted and withheld by the State, pursuant to section 248-2.6, violates statutory or constitutional law and, as a result, awards moneys to a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand, then an amount equal to the monetary award shall be deducted and withheld from the tax revenues deposited under paragraph (1) into the mass transit special fund, and those funds shall be a general fund realization of the State.

The remaining tax revenues levied, assessed, and collected at the ~~9.25~~ ten per cent tax rate pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) shall be deposited into the general fund in accordance with section 237D-6.5(b)."

Senator Kanuha moved that Floor Amendment No. 16 be adopted, seconded by Senator Richards.

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

"DOTAX notes an error in allocation in the mass transit special fund (MTSF) in the C.D. 1 version of S.B. 1396. Under existing law, 1 percent of all gross rental proceeds are allocated to the MTSF. The C.D. 1 version, however, allocates 0.98 percent of all TAT revenues collected. This results in a 90 percent reduction in the allocation to the MTSF. The amendment proposed above would revert the allocation formula to use gross rental proceeds as the base. This ensures that the allocation to the MTSF is maintained. This basically clarifies the fund that the HART accesses."

The motion to adopt Floor Amendment No. 16 was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Kanuha then moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

By unanimous consent, S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 2, 2025.

The Clerk announced:

"Turning back to page 33, we're on Conference Committee Report 97."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97 (S.B. No. 30, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97 was adopted and S.B. No. 30, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Kanuha). Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99 (S.B. No. 321, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99 was adopted and S.B. No. 321, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, 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, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100 (S.B. No. 344, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100 was adopted and S.B. No. 344, S.D. 1, 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, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102 (S.B. No. 1008, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102 was adopted and S.B. No. 1008, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113 (S.B. No. 447, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113 was adopted and S.B. No. 447, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PILOT 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. 118 (S.B. No. 583, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator McKelvey and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118 was adopted and S.B. No. 583, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NAMING RIGHTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Ihara). Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123 (S.B. No. 1469, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123 was adopted and S.B. No. 1469, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX COLLECTIONS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 (S.B. No. 1221, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 was adopted and S.B. No. 1221, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 (H.B. No. 97, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 was adopted

and H.B. No. 97, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, Kim, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 (H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 was adopted and H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 (H.B. No. 1316, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 was adopted and H.B. No. 1316, H.D. 2, S.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. 159 (H.B. No. 550, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 was adopted and H.B. No. 550, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 (S.B. No. 589, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 was adopted and S.B. No. 589, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, 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, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 (S.B. No. 739, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 was adopted and S.B. No. 739, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 (S.B. No. 1501, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 was adopted and S.B. No. 1501, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 208 (H.B. No. 235, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 208 was adopted and H.B. No. 235, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 213 (H.B. No. 862, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 213 was adopted and H.B. No. 862, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 214 (H.B. No. 1231, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 214 was adopted and H.B. No. 1231, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

The Clerk stated:

"Members, the next item, Conference Committee Report 215 and House Bill 958, Conference Draft 1 was moved to the end of calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 216 (S.B. No. 1571, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 216 was adopted and S.B. No. 1571, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 223 (H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 223 was adopted and H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 224 (H.B. No. 735, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 224 was adopted and H.B. No. 735, 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. 227 (H.B. No. 969, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 227 was adopted and H.B. No. 969, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 231 (H.B. No. 126, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 231 was adopted and H.B. No. 126, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE," 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. 235 (H.B. No. 422, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 235 was adopted and H.B. No. 422, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 242 (H.B. No. 1153, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator McKelvey, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 242 was adopted and H.B. No. 1153, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 245 (H.B. No. 796, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 245 was adopted and H.B. No. 796, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (San Buenaventura). Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 247 (H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 247 was adopted and H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.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, 24. Noes, 1 (DeCorte).

At 12:10 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

S.B. No. 1448, S.D. 2, H.D. 2:

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1448, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 1448, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECT REMEDIATION AT THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19 (H.B. No. 1099, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19 was adopted and H.B. No. 1099, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21 (H.B. No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21 was adopted and H.B. No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25 (S.B. No. 1602, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25 was adopted and S.B. No. 1602, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39 (S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39 was adopted and S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57 (H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57 was adopted and H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58 (H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58 was adopted and H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WOMEN'S COURT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64 (S.B. No. 850, 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. 64 was adopted and S.B. No. 850, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68 (S.B. No. 1431, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68 was adopted and S.B. No. 1431, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75 (H.B. No. 1031, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75 was adopted and H.B. No. 1031, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76 (H.B. No. 162, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76 was adopted and H.B. No. 162, H.D. 2, 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. 90 (H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90 was adopted and H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105 (H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105 was adopted and H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," having been read

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106 (H.B. No. 396, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106 was adopted and H.B. No. 396, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110 (S.B. No. 693, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110 was adopted and S.B. No. 693, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111 (S.B. No. 960, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111 was adopted and S.B. No. 960, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115 (S.B. No. 1300, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Kidani moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115 be adopted and S.B. No. 1300, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Inouye.

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

"Thank you, Mr. President.

"I rise in strong support of SB1300 SD1 HD1 CD1.

"Colleagues, I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 1300 SD1 HD1 CD1, because it takes a meaningful step forward in supporting Hawai'i's keiki and their ability to thrive in the classroom.

"This bill would expand access to free school meals to students who currently qualify for reduced-price lunches—ensuring that no child is left to learn on an empty stomach.

"In addition, the measure appropriates \$2.8 million in fiscal year 2027 to provide meal subsidies for students whose families are classified as ALICE—asset-limited, income-constrained, but employed. These are working families who often earn too much to qualify for assistance but still struggle to meet basic needs. This funding recognizes the reality of their burden and offers tangible relief.

"As Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, I firmly believe that nourishing our children is fundamental to their success in school and in life. Students who are fed are better

able to focus, to learn, and to grow. As the Senator of District 18, I still remember classrooms in my district where teachers would keep snacks in their desks – for students who come to school hungry. As a mother and a grandmother, it is my firm belief that no child should have to worry about where their next meal will come from — especially not while trying to learn.

“I would also like to take a moment to thank our First Lady Jamie Green who joined us during our Committee on Education’s conference meeting. She has been a strong and vocal advocate of this bill from the very beginning, and her presence at our committee meeting reflects her deep commitment to the well-being of all of Hawai‘i’s keiki.

“Mahalo to the many advocates, colleagues, and dedicated staff who have worked diligently to move this bill forward.

“I respectfully urge your support of SB1300.

“Senate President, I now yield the floor.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115 was adopted and S.B. No. 1300, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 (S.B. No. 1304, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 was adopted and S.B. No. 1304, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117 (S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117 was adopted and S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 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. 119 (S.B. No. 65, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119 was adopted and S.B. No. 65, S.D. 2, 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. 120 (S.B. No. 264, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120 was adopted and S.B. No. 264, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121 (S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121 was adopted and S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, H.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.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128 (H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128 was adopted and H.B. No. 774, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129 (H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129 was adopted and H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA SALT PRODUCTS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130 (H.B. No. 1406, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130 was adopted and H.B. No. 1406, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131 (H.B. No. 341, 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. 131 was adopted and H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135 (S.B. No. 465, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135 was adopted and S.B. No. 465, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 (S.B. No. 479, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 was adopted and S.B. No. 479, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137 (H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137 was adopted and H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138 (H.B. No. 1169, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138 was adopted and H.B. No. 1169, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141 (H.B. No. 1300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141 was adopted and H.B. No. 1300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143 (S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143 was adopted and S.B. No. 742, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DATA SHARING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 (H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 was adopted and H.B. No. 1220, 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. 153 (H.B. No. 133, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153 was adopted and H.B. No. 133, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SURFING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 (H.B. No. 1365, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 was adopted and H.B. No. 1365, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157 (H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157 was adopted and H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1, 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.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165 (H.B. No. 430, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165 was adopted and H.B. No. 430, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167 (H.B. No. 1027, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167 was adopted and H.B. No. 1027, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168 (H.B. No. 1028, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168 was adopted and H.B. No. 1028, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169 (H.B. No. 1029, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169 was adopted and H.B. No. 1029, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 (H.B. No. 1030, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 was adopted and H.B. No. 1030, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171 (H.B. No. 1032, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171 was adopted and H.B. No. 1032, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 (H.B. No. 1033, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 was adopted and H.B. No. 1033, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 (H.B. No. 1034, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 was adopted and H.B. No. 1034, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 (H.B. No. 1035, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 was adopted and H.B. No. 1035, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 (H.B. No. 1038, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 was adopted and H.B. No. 1038, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 (H.B. No. 800, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 was adopted and H.B. No. 800, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 (H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 was adopted and H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 (H.B. No. 280, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 was adopted and H.B. No. 280, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 (H.B. No. 943, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 was adopted and H.B. No. 943, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 (H.B. No. 705, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Moriawaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 was adopted and H.B. No. 705, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 (S.B. No. 223, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 be adopted and S.B. No. 223, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

Senator Elefante spoke in support of the measure as follows:

"I would just like to thank the senator from Hilo, the chair of Water and Land committee; and also the state representative on the House from Waipahu and also the House chair of Public Safety for their hard work and request to insert written remarks into the Journal."

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

“Mr. President, I rise in support for SB223 SD2 HD1 CD1

- Thank you to the Senator from Hilo and Chair of the Water and Land committee for all her hard work along with the Chairs of Judiciary and Ways and Means, and House subject matter chairs for their leadership on this important bill relating to fire prevention. Most notably, thank you to the State Representative from Waipahū for her hard work and advocacy.
- This bill is a major step to be proactive in fire prevention from establishing an independent program relating to the prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires within forest reserves.

Most notably, it gives the State Fire Council the ability to examine our State Fire Code to require certain owners and occupants who live in hazardous fire areas to maintain effective firebreaks and to practice other fire prevention efforts. In addition, it appropriates funding in the Community Fuels Reduction project to support these efforts for wildfire prevention and hazardous fuel reduction measures on state lands.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 was adopted and S.B. No. 223, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 (S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 was adopted and S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, 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. 195 (S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195 was adopted and S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 (S.B. No. 1252, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 was adopted and S.B. No. 1252, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 206 (S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 206 was adopted and S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 220 (H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 220 be adopted and H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Lee.

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

“The passage of House Bill 427, is a major step forward in strengthening Hawai‘i’s biosecurity system to combat invasive species and protect the islands’ environment and agriculture.

“We’re in a state of crisis for biosecurity. Last year, we passed a landmark bill (Act 231) and this session we’re sending another bill to the governor to continue our commitment to fighting invasives, whether it’s Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles, Little Fire Ants, Coqui frogs, or whatever. We gotta step up our game keeping these critters and invasive plants out of our islands, so we can keep paradise paradise.

“I’d like to mahalo Agriculture & Food Systems House Committee Chair, Kirstin Kahaloa, our WAM (Ways and Means) Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, House FIN (Finance) Chair Kyle Yamashita, the Legislature, HDOA (Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture), and all the stakeholders who collaborated on this important bill. Laulima... many hands... have led us to a compromise everyone can live with. By doing this, we took another important step forward in safeguarding Hawai‘i’s environment, agriculture, and economy.

“Key provisions of HB 427 include:

- Renaming the Department and Board of Agriculture to include ‘Biosecurity’
- Establishing a Deputy Chairperson for Biosecurity to lead efforts in invasive species prevention
- Creating a Biosecurity Emergency Response Program to quickly respond to biosecurity threats
- Increasing penalties for biosecurity violations, improving inspection protocols, and strengthening pest management efforts”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 220 was adopted and H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 222 (H.B. No. 934, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 222 was adopted and H.B. No. 934, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, 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. 225 (H.B. No. 750, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 225 was adopted and H.B. No. 750, H.D. 2, S.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. 230 (H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 230 was adopted and H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO 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. 232 (H.B. No. 1045, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 232 was adopted and H.B. No. 1045, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL COSTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 236 (H.B. No. 1298, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 236 was adopted and H.B. No. 1298, H.D. 3, 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. 237 (H.B. No. 830, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 237 was adopted and H.B. No. 830, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 238 (H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 238 was adopted and H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 241 (H.B. No. 961, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 241 was adopted and H.B. No. 961, H.D. 1, S.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. 243 (H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Moriwaki, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 243 was adopted and H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, 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. 248 (H.B. No. 1439, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 248 was adopted and H.B. No. 1439, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 251 (H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 251 was adopted and H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 252 (H.B. No. 700, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 252 was adopted and H.B. No. 700, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 256 (H.B. No. 1462, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 256 was adopted and H.B. No. 1462, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, 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. 258 (H.B. No. 237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 258 was adopted and H.B. No. 237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 259 (H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 259 was

adopted and H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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

"Can I insert comments on House Bill 441, Committee Report No. 257?"

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

"I'd like to insert comments on H.B. 427, C.C.R. 220, in strong support."

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

"On page 42, I stand in strong support of C.C.R. 115, Senate Bill 1300, C.D. 1, and I'd like to enter written remarks into the Journal."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40 (H.B. No. 3, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40 was adopted and H.B. No. 3, H.D. 2, 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, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 (H.B. No. 806, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 was adopted and H.B. No. 806, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108 (H.B. No. 316, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108 was adopted and H.B. No. 316, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 (H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 was adopted and H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION 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. 112 (S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112 be adopted and S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

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

"As I finish my ninth session as chair of the Senate Agriculture Environment committee, the adage that we all know well (it continues to hit home): Sometimes it takes a good bill years and years to pass, but it takes patience and persistence. S.B. 1186 is a perfect example.

"For as long as I've been the AEN chair, I've heard the same sobering fact that Hawai'i imports 85 to 90 percent of our food, costing us around \$3 billion every year, even though we have thousands of acres of land zoned for agriculture. My response has always been, 'Okay, we know it's a problem, so where's the plan to fix it?' So the honest truth—no plan. There wasn't one; there's never been a plan. So, over the years, we've taken some steps. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan gave us long-term goals, Act 151 in 2019 aimed to double our local food production by 2030, and Acts 175 and 176 in 2021 set targets for local food in schools and state institutions. But no one was coordinating these efforts. No one was asking how does it all fit together?"

"That's why, for the past three years, I've introduced bills to create a food systems working group to build that plan, and each time, they didn't pass. Last session, I introduced Senate Reso 111, asking the Department of Ag to set up a sustainable food systems working group. It passed, and, to my surprise, just a few weeks later, the Department of Ag called me and said, 'Let's get the ball rolling.' So, during interim, the group worked hard and delivered a report in December. One of our main recommendations turned the idea into a law with funding to keep the momentum going, and thus Senate Bill 1186 was born.

"So S.B. 1186 establishes an interagency food systems coordination team and a working group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. It provides \$100,000 to support staffing and operations so the group can keep working on a comprehensive statewide food plan. And creating this working group has been my number one priority, as I mentioned, for the past three years. I'm proud to say we finally passed out of conference committee—it's here. It's been a long time coming, and I'm deeply grateful we're taking this step together to secure Hawai'i's food future. The bottom line is, it's about finally getting all the key players at the same table, putting a real plan together, and moving the needle on food security.

"And it was truly a laulima effort—many hands working together to get the job done. Special thanks to Dr. Albie Miles, the associate professor of sustainable community food systems at UH West O'ahu, for being the brainchild of the food systems effort in Hawai'i and also to Ms. Amanda Shaw, who's the director of Food Systems and statewide food systems coordinator, for her excellent skill in shepherding us through the working group process. So I'm grateful we made it this far, and I humbly ask for your support of this bill. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112 was adopted and S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127 (S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127 was adopted and S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," having been

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

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132 (H.B. No. 990, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132 was adopted and H.B. No. 990, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154 (H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154 was adopted and H.B. No. 1378, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158 (H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158 was adopted and H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.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, 22. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160 (S.B. No. 934, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160 was adopted and S.B. No. 934, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 (S.B. No. 935, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 was adopted and S.B. No. 935, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Rhoads). Noes, 1 (DeCorte). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 (H.B. No. 496, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 was adopted and H.B. No. 496, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA," having been

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Wakai).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 (H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Elefante moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 be adopted and H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Aquino.

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

"First of all, I'd like to express sincere gratitude to the senator from Salt Lake for initially introducing Act 209, which established the Office of the Fire Marshal; for all the advocates; also for the co-chairs; for the senator from Waipahu, the Labor and Technology chair; as well as the Judiciary chair; and Ways and Means chair and Finance chair and their staff; the Office of the Governor: Will Kane and Arlina Agbayani; Senate leadership; House leadership; Vice Speaker Ichiyama; chair of the Judiciary committee in the House; as well as the chair of the Public Safety committee in the House; to our State Fire Council chief Todd; to the AG's office; DLNR; DOD; DLE; and DLIR; and also to my staff and all the members and WAM and FIN designees; and to this body as well.

"This is a very important bill that allows the state fire marshal to continue but also allows that when the State Fire Council does, in fact, select it before their deadline, that it will continue and that this sets up a new advise-and-consent process for the State Fire Marshal Selection Commission. And it also appropriates funding. So I ask my colleagues to please vote in support. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 was adopted and H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 (H.B. No. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 was adopted and H.B. No. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 (H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 was adopted and H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, 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, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 205 (S.B. No. 1578, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 205 was adopted and S.B. No. 1578, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS," having

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, Fevella, McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 217 (S.B. No. 1249, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 217 be adopted and S.B. No. 1249, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

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

“Colleagues, S.B. 1249 is known as the Cranston Duke Pia Bill. The path of this bill started 14 months ago, when Cranston was murdered. His mother came to see me. That started a long conversation that has evolved over the last 14 months and brought us to where we are today. Initially, this bill started out as three separate bills: input from the attorney general’s office, from the Department of Agriculture, and from Department of Law Enforcement. And this has been an exercise in conversation as well as trying to arrive at a common goal of finding a way to really do what we needed to do for agriculture. I gave Cranston’s mom my word that I wouldn’t let this go, and I have to thank the body here for supporting as we’ve made it through this.

“What this bill will do: Attorney general’s office had input ramping up the penalties for ag crimes, Department of Agriculture came at it from their perspective with enforcement of some of that, and then Department of Law Enforcement came in with an investigative and enforcement side of that. The combination of these three bills has brought forth increasing penalties while also starting a pilot project for agricultural crimes—crimes against agriculture in our state. And this is brand-new for us; we’ve never done this before. We as a body are finally giving credit and acknowledging how important agriculture is to our state. Regrettably, it had to take something as tragic as the loss of Cranston to get this done. What this will do will increase the penalties, it heightens the awareness, and it gives that pilot project. I want to thank all of my colleagues here for getting this done. I want to thank especially WAM chair, Senator Dela Cruz, for finding the funding to get this pilot project going.

“With that, we have some special guests here. I’d like to turn this over to our chair of Agriculture and Environment, Senator Gabbard.”

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

“Today, we’re joined by the ‘ohana and friends of Cranston ‘Duke’ Pia, as was mentioned by Senator Richards, a rancher from Mākaha who was tragically shot and killed last year while protecting his land. Duke was just 39 years old. Here with us today are his elder brother—if you could just please stand when I call your name—his elder brother Brant Pia; Kalei and Austin Salcedo, who are from Kea’au, agricultural land owners; Mrs. BJ and Dustin Griffith of Griffith Stock Ranch; Raquel Achiu of Ka’ala Livestock and Makalea Ranch; Sharon Hurd, chairperson for the Department of Ag; Brian Miyamoto, executive director of the Hawai’i Farm Bureau; Mike Lambert, director of the Department of Law Enforcement; and Representative Chris Muraoka, representing the Wai’anae Coast. Each of these folks have been working hard to make sure what happened to Duke never happens again. I’d also like to mahalo my vice chair, the senator from District 4 on Hawai’i Island, who introduced the bill and was instrumental in helping it get passed. So, please, colleagues, I encourage you to vote ‘aye’ on this very important measure. Mahalo.”

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

“Colleagues, I want to begin with a story that reminds us of why this legislation is so desperately needed. On Saturday, February 17, 2024, what was supposed to be a night of celebration for Cranston ‘Duke’ Pia turned into an unimaginable tragedy. Duke had planned to surprise his wife with a special birthday dinner, but that night, his life was stolen by poachers who illegally trespassed onto his land. They disregarded his rights, his safety, and his life. Duke’s mother heard dogs barking fiercely on their land, a sound she knew too well. Concerned, she went down to see what was happening. What she found was heartbreaking—a mother’s biggest fear. She found her son, Duke, had been killed. Duke came into this world in her arms, and he left in the same way—held tightly by his mother, robbed of his future, and tragically taken.

“His story is a stark reminder of what can happen when landowners are left vulnerable, when illegal trespassers and poachers believe they can invade private property without consequences. Too often, our ranchers and farmers feel like they are fighting a losing battle, left to defend their land and their livelihoods without sufficient protection. Trespassers who disregard private property rights, who poach, and who threaten lives doing so, knowing that current laws and enforcement are inadequate. They threaten not only livestock and income but also the safety of those who dedicate their lives to this land.

“Duke was more than just a rancher; he was a pillar of the Wai’anae community. The Pia ‘ohana has lived in Wai’anae for generations. Cranston also owned a business called Grazing 7s, and he was responsible for feeding thousands of our Wai’anae residents. He believed in providing access to good-quality meat for our people, and he and his family would show up every Saturday at our Wai’anae Mākeke.

“S.B. 1249, also known as the Cranston Duke Pia Law, is a crucial step in changing that reality. It strengthens enforcement, establishes clear penalties for trespassing and illegal hunting, and it provides law enforcement with the tools and resources needed to act on the spot. It sends a powerful message to poachers and those who intend to break the law that the Legislature values its landowners, its farmers, and its ranchers, and we will protect our lands and hold those who violate them accountable. S.B. 1249 is a step toward justice, accountability, and safety—an essential move to ensure tragedies like Duke’s never happens again. Colleagues, I urge you to support S.B. 1249. Mahalo.”

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

“First of all, our deepest condolences to the family of Cranston Pia.

“I think this bill serves as a huge step going forward when we talk about protection. We talk about the very livelihood of those that have been ranching and farming and have been tasked to deal with those based on trespassing and illegal activities. You know, I condemn the Department of Law Enforcement because when we talk about issues such as these that have taken the life of individuals that have served our community and served our community well, this is why we are so strong in support of why we must also, you know, deal with those that have broken the laws and those have not followed suit on holding of firearms legally, professionally, and lawfully. I look forward to working with the rest of my colleagues in shoring up the laws that we need to handle enforcement and those who continue to break the rules as we go forward. Thank you, Mr. President, and, again, in strong support.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 217 was adopted and S.B. No. 1249, S.D. 1, 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. 218 (S.B. No. 825, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 218 was adopted and S.B. No. 825, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 219 (S.B. No. 897, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Hashimoto moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 219 be adopted and S.B. No. 897, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

"I'm deeply concerned not just about this bill but about the process that got us here because what we are doing here today is wrong, and we all know it. At first glance, this bill looks like it's preventing wildfires and making our grid safer, but we need to be honest about what's really going on, what this bill actually does, and what it risks if it's passed into law. You see, this isn't just a wildfire mitigation bill; it's not just about borrowing authority. Buried in this bill is a provision which was drafted in the shadows, far from public view, over the objections of the chairs who have purview and without the courtesy of prior concurrence on this measure, and included provisions that are reckless, unprecedented, and place our residents in danger of harm.

"But, in fairness, let's start with what's good in this bill. The bill allows Hawaiian Electric to borrow up to \$500 million for wildfire mitigation through a process called securitization, the cheapest possible financing for pole replacements, vegetation management, fire detection systems—borrowing money at low interest and saving ratepayers money. That story sells, and we can all get behind it. It's a smart policy. The bill also directs the Public Utilities Commission (the PUC) to study a wildfire victim compensation fund that was originally proposed in this measure, another good step.

"But neither of these are what's driving this bill. The real heart of Senate Bill 897 is a sweeping new provision that gives the PUC the unilateral power to cap the utility's liability if it causes another wildfire. And even more concerning: The bill, through rigid provisions designed to manufacture an outcome, requires the PUC to choose between a per-disaster cap on liability or a cap covering any number of disasters that occur during a designated period of time. Let's pause here because that part is not a detail; it's the core of the bill inserted in the shadows at the very end of the Legislature. If the PUC chooses to set a cap for a time period—say, 10 years, which has been proposed in some conversations—and multiple wildfires happen during that time, the utility could be shielded from full responsibility for all those fires combined. It's crazy. One cap, multiple fires, and a hard limit on how much they owe regardless of the damage.

"You might be thinking, well, you know, a disaster like Lahaina won't happen again; it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. Try and tell that to anyone that lives in California. After the worst fire in California's history hit, it happened again and

again and again. Imagine if California had put a ten-year liability cap like this one in place after the Camp Fire hit in 2018, that single cap would have had to cover the Dixie Fire in 2021 (utility-caused, which destroyed over 1,300 homes), the devastating Palisades Fires that took place in January of this year, and there would still be three years more where any future wildfires would also be lumped into that same limit. They would have blown through the cap after the first disaster, leaving victims of every fire after with nowhere to turn. That's what this bill opens the door to, and it's shocking.

"This language didn't appear at any point in the bill until last Thursday. And the bill (you can read it on page 6, line 14) presumes the PUC will choose a period-of-time cap. This is crazy. People are going to be so upset when they find out this happened, and who's going to take responsibility for this provision when the subject-matter chairs for this bill are against it? Who's going to step up and take responsibility for this?

"No other state has gone this far. Fourteen states are considering addressing liability for wildfires. Not California; not Oregon; not even the ultra-conservative states like Utah, Wyoming, or Idaho—no one has done this. In fact, most states are heading in the opposite direction, moving toward a rebuttable presumption that a utility was not negligent if it followed an approved wildfire plan. Three states passed that provision in March. We may have an emerging consensus appearing across the country, but we're going to take action before we know that for sure.

"That provision is actually what HECO asked for last year in Senate Bill 2997, and it's just very different from preemptively capping liability from fires that haven't happened yet. What incentive does that provide HECO to do better? Is this even legal? Don't know—no testimony was submitted on this from the attorney general's office because these provisions were inserted two weeks after hearings were completed. What does the PUC even think about being required to make these extraordinary decisions that have the force of law? We don't know because the whole concept was inserted into the bill on Thursday. This is not wildfire prevention; this is a liability shield tucked inside a bill that otherwise seems reasonable. It's a blatant corporate handout, and we're being asked to make this precedent-setting decision without full awareness of what it really means. Why the urgency?

"Let me say this clearly: This bill is not a bailout. You bail people out of a crisis. HECO's not in a crisis; they have bad credit. That's the problem. You can survive bad credit. I've had bad credit, and I fixed it. And I didn't fix it with a bailout from the government—I fixed it with time, behavior change, and taking accountability. So let's call this what it is. It's not a bailout; it's a sellout. This bill was originally drafted to protect the people from HECO. Now, it protects HECO from the people.

"Now, let's talk about our role. This bill hands the PUC not just the analysis but the final decision on whether to grant immunity. That is a serious abdication of our legislative responsibility. On something this consequential, we shouldn't be outsourcing our constitutional authority to an unelected commission. This bill determines policy questions that directly impact the rights of residents. Our constituents didn't send us here to hand over our power. They didn't elect us to farm out our role in this just because we're being rushed or pressured or bullied into it. And they absolutely did not ask us to gamble with their future. We have to ask, 'Is this the best we can do?' Is it really the best we can do? Is this fair to the people we serve? Because when the public finds out we passed a bill capping liability and accountability for future wildfires right when we're about to, here in the next couple minutes, appropriate \$800 million in taxpayer funds to settle lawsuits from the last one, they will not understand. They will ask, 'How could the

Legislature give away so much with so little in return?' And they will be furious. And for HECO, they now have the gall to tell the news last night that they didn't write the bill. This bill might help improve HECO's standing with credit rating agencies (we don't know for sure; they've testified to that)—it might help their standing. But it will tarnish their standing with the public, and it will tarnish ours as well.

"I'll close with this: We all want a strong locally controlled utility—one that's resilient, affordable, and invests in prevention. We can have that without giving up our authority, without creating legal protections no other state has dared to adopt, and without haphazardly ramming something through in the 11th hour out of view of public that we're really screwing over on this one. This bill offers a false choice: safety or accountability. We can and must insist on both. As the subject-matter chair for this bill, you have tasked me with making recommendations to this body that serve the best interests of the public. My recommendation here is to vote 'no.' Mahalo."

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

"I think the senator from Kāne'ohe eloquently stated his position. I do share some of the same concerns. However, in particular, he did mention about liability shield; that is a concern. But I think the overarching concern, Mr. President, is really delegating our role to the PUC—to three members—and while they may have that expertise, I think we're all elected here to make a policy decision and call. And, lastly, what's unknown is the cap. It allows the PUC to determine that cap. It could be less or more, and I still have concerns with that. And for those reasons, I'll be voting in opposition. Thank you."

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

"I want to just say a few words, not repeating what's been said here, but, you know, I think it's very clear for all of us not just here in Hawai'i but around the country: Constituencies, towns, people, families, businesses are all frustrated with the direction that electricity prices are going writ large, the direction that insurance prices are going to the same tone, and, ultimately, all of us being driven by the same kinds of wildfire events and similar situations from state to state, and Hawai'i obviously is no exception to that. Beyond that, for many decades, it's been clear that there's been a large frustration with accountability and transparency and communication from utilities in general and especially here in a place where we pay some of the highest costs in the nation and have for a long time because of our reliance on imported, volatile fossil fuel costs and prices. That frustration was already at a simmering point even before we got to Lahaina. That frustration has been driving a lot of the angst and a lot of the anxiety and a lot of the ultimate symptoms of what we keep talking about as our rising cost of living.

"In places like California and other states that have gone through similar instances of wildfires and other climate-related disasters that have wiped out entire communities and directly led to insolvency for utilities as well as rising insurance costs and credit rating issues and all the things that, fundamentally, we've been talking about here for the last two years as we've grappled with these bills and the issues with Lahaina and what to do—in those states, often the public utilities commissions have stepped up and led the way while not having all the answers, certainly, just as we don't have all the answers and haven't had them at the outset since the days following Lahaina. In those cases, PUCs took a proactive step forward and said, 'All right, we're going to try and figure this out,' while the legislatures and the governors and the other responsible government bodies try and figure out what their role is, what their responsibility is. The public utilities commissions started

into a deep-dive analysis to figure out what are the options even look like. What does it mean for ratepayers, what does it mean for the utilities who need support, what does it mean for the future of a reliable electric grid, and, certainly, what does it mean for cost for your average family not just today, not just five years from now, but in the future indefinitely, and how do you address that when you have compounding issues of disaster after disaster after disaster, cost after cost rising over and over again? The utilities commissions in these states have tried to dive in as much as they could to provide those paths and what they could potentially look like as policymakers in their legislative bodies decided what to do, and they didn't get it right by no stretch of the imagination. They've gone back time and again in places like California to redo the pieces of legislation that they've passed, figuring out what the errors were, what the real-life consequences are, and adjusting as time went on. But that was based on real analysis, real deep-dive look at what the situation is, and given a number of scenarios that could play out.

"Here in Hawai'i, I think what's most disappointing is that, looking backward now (and this is our second year where we've had these issues front and center debated here on this floor and across the way in the House), our PUC at the time chose not to act—did not do what many other things had done; did not do an immediate response and analysis to complement what was being done by the attorney general, by the utilities, by the different stakeholders across the way, and, certainly, by us as we tried to figure out here what our role is and what our responsibility going forward should look like. That's tragic because that abdication of that responsibility and the role the PUC plays has meant that these conversations end up here, end up in the governor's office, end up here in the Legislature, trying to figure out amongst all of us, I think, zero of whom, myself included, are technical experts in energy and regulation and policy and all the things that add into credit and finance and banking and all those other mechanisms which all together paint a picture that we've got to be able to decipher in order to make and take meaningful action. It's why we're here today. It's why we have been thrust into this unfortunate situation, where we are being asked to make decisions and come up with solutions for problems that are far beyond the scope of what traditional legislators and legislatures around the country are equipped to do.

"The PUCs from state to state all play similar but slightly varying roles. Ours is no different not just with respect to the conversation we're having today but over time regulating investor-owned utilities. And this is important because, as we think about these conversations as they've played out, there have been a number of influences and a number of drivers pushing from all different sides for different outcomes. In particular, you've got, obviously, the utilities, and, I think, fair to say from the part of the public, who've been very much seen as frustrating partners from whom there is no escape (you've got to pay your electric bill), and for, in many cases, with a lot of people, I think, ultimately a lack of transparency and a lack of understanding of really what goes on behind the scenes, behind the switch that you turn to put the lights on, behind the bill you pay—what all happens beyond there is a mystery.

"But here, we know a couple things have been true, and this goes far beyond just these past few years. Utilities at the PUC—around the country; not just here, but here as well—push as hard as they can because they have a legal obligation and a financial obligation to maximize benefit for shareholders, full stop. That is their legal obligation of their boards, their executives, and everybody else, no matter how well intended. That means pushing as much as possible for a maximization of revenue that is often based on investment in infrastructure and expenditure of capital, meaning, often and for decades—we've seen this, and our own PUC has opined on this several times

over the last decade and a half—that the proposals put forward for infrastructure development or redevelopment are often gold-plated, built out more than needs to be so that more money is spent so that shareholders capture more revenue than might be otherwise necessary, and ultimately that's put into bills that we all pay and feel. There is justification, absolutely, to do more. We obviously have infrastructure that is in great need of fixing, of hardening, of resiliency, of all the things that need to happen. The core of this whole debate here is who pays for it, how much is justifiable, and why? Beyond that, completely separate from that, you've got competing entities looking to come into the market here to buy in as project developers or as folks who are coming in to set up their own shop and take part in the utility process, buying into the utility, or taking it over completely in order to maximize their revenue, maximize their profitability. Nobody's doing it for free. What that means is, you've got all these factors at play simultaneously, and what we're talking about today is one sliver of that—a very big one, no doubt, and one that can have significant impact in the decades to come—but a piece of that. And I raise this because not only are the decisions that we make in this measure consequential but also the impact felt by whatever comes next through that process, where you have potential investors from out of state looking to acquire HECO or buy parts of it. That could be even more disastrous than we even contemplate, to the tune of billions of dollars added to ratepayer bills because we are investing in stuff that's unnecessary compared to what makes the most sense that is being implemented not only in the plans that are being discussed in some circles but also in other states and other places by utilities there that are proven to be able to reduce costs.

“So, as we think about all of this, the question comes back to not only the costly assumptions from liability and from what we may or may not be passing here today, but beyond that, what's missing beyond any of, I think, the scope of what we, as not technical experts and regulatory experts and policy and finance experts in these fields, can see and certainly not at the PUC, where there has not been this kind of deep-dive look, and not at the State Energy Office, which, similarly, has not taken a deep look at what this whole universe and comprehensive future looks like. We're missing that analysis of what is the lowest common denominator, what is the future we're trying to shoot for, and how much does it cost at its very least? Without that to set a baseline, we are running on an infinite number of assumptions being influenced by an infinite number of players, each with their own stakeholder agenda. And, ultimately, for us, trying to figure out how we get beyond a lot of the assumptions that everything we're talking about today is built on, which includes the utility's plans for investment in wildfires, which includes the PUC's plans for what the future grid looks like, which includes the State Energy Office's plans for where it wants to go. All of these things are almost a decade outdated, based on old technology, old policies, pre-wildfire, pre-climate—all the things that are at the forefront today when we think about the needs for resiliency and hardening and all of that. No one's got a good grip on that. Each is missing key elements that other states, other places are diving into in depth. I think, no matter the path decided here today, or at the PUC independently, or as a result of this, or later, what's missing is a deep, comprehensive look, an independent look at what the future of our grid should look like—independent of the politics of the Legislature, of the utility, of the PUC, of the energy office, and of all the other stakeholders that have a financial or other similar interest in dictating that outcome. I think the only way to get a good sense of whether we're doing right or wrong by ratepayers in the long term is to have a completely independent and transparent look at all of these questions; that has yet to happen here.

“I have reservations for a lot of reasons here. I also understand the reason for this bill and why it's moving forward in the first place, which is why I'm voting 'with reservations.' But I hope this is, at the very least, the start of a conversation that takes a much deeper dive into the full situation that's before us because it is deep. And I hope it spurs all of us to start thinking about how we can put in place the right resources to empower the PUC, to empower other stakeholders to think beyond the boundaries we've confined ourselves to already because we are shooting at a predetermined target to a great extent, and the price we pay at the end of the day is continued cost escalation, it's continued frustration from ratepayers, it's continued frustration from everybody all around. And here in the Legislature, the price we pay is having to revisit the same issue year after year after year, time after time, in all the different forms it has taken and will take. I raise this as an opportunity to start thinking ahead and, really, so that other folks outside this room can hear that there ought to be a broader, independent look that gets beyond all the politics and transparency that's lacking when it comes to all the different stakeholder groups that have their own agendas and issues that are involved in our process.

“I think everybody here is well intended, and I say that knowing there's a ton of people in this process. This is our home; this is our state. We all intend to live here, and we all have responsibility for our families, friends, and neighbors. And we ultimately have responsibility to make sure that we can do what we can as best we can to reduce the prices that they pay; to reduce the frustration they feel; and, ultimately, lay out a better future. While I don't know whether or not the PUC is capable of doing what is about to be asked of them should this measure pass, I can only hope that this message falls on those ears and others to do something a little bit differently, to look beyond what has been looked at, and to do so proactively, not as a response to something else. We have an opportunity to invest the right way going forward, to harden our grid, to provide more resiliency, to increase our overall capacity on our grid to do more with less. And that means fast-tracking our transition away from what was, getting off of our imported fuels and everything else that exports dollars out of the state and instead reinvest those dollars in projects right here in Hawai'i that will create local jobs, that will create futures, that will create more economic development, and, ultimately, reduce the cost that we pay for that reliance on that international and outside-Hawai'i volatile fuel mix. And, ultimately, if we can do that right and learn the lessons that other places are implementing right now, which we have yet to see integrated into most of our plans, I think we can do better: can reduce a lot of that cost, reduce a lot of that risk, reduce the need for even having the question over liability in the first place. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

“Same request and would like also the words of the previous speaker into the Journal as if they were my own—was too long to repeat.”

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

“I echo the concerns of our CPN chair that the process was subverted, and the reason that I'm concerned about that is because we don't know at this late hour what the serious consequences are of our decisions if all of the people, all of the entities who will be affected by this is not heard. I mean, somebody came knocking on my door yesterday, basically saying the insurance companies were not heard on this, and that, to me, is a huge concern, especially after we had just passed the stabilization bill. Stabilization bill requires HPIA to cover a number of our uninsured entities; HPIA is dependent upon existing insurance companies. If we're chasing away insurance

companies, that amount of liability, I mean, basically falls on less and less entities to the point where we may end up having to absorb it. When we subvert the process, we do not know what the unintended consequences are. I see the need for securitization. I don't understand why we are going against our CPN chair when I know he has done a deep dive into this issue for over a year. I'm a subject-matter chair. I expect my colleagues to understand that I know what my subject matter is very well and to take my word on it. I make sure that every hearing takes into account whatever the unintended consequences are so that when my colleagues vote on Third Reading, they know what the consequences are, and they could vote freely, knowing that everything has been vetted. When something like this is presented to us in the last minute, I have serious reservations. I see the need for it and so I will be voting up, and I'm hoping that next session, we can fix it and that all the entities—insurance companies, landowners, tortfeasors—are heard. Thank you.”

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

“Major, major, major concerns. I'd like to thank the senator from District 24. He raises many good points. Thank you, the senator from District 25: You just got me a little more confused, but I acknowledge your concerns, but asking permission to insert comments to the Journal. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

“I agree with Senator Keahokalole that this bill was changed in the final days of our Conference meetings and that he viewed this as a lack of transparency. The final version of the bill deserved more time and comment from those impacted. We never heard from the PUC on how they might limit the liability for an electric utility for claims arising from future wildfires. Despite these concerns, I believed that the bill should be passed because it contained other changes that will help all of us move forward from the tragedy that occurred in Lahaina. Therefore, I voted 'with reservations' on this bill.”

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

“I know it's my second time: would just like the words of the speaker from Puna entered into the record as if they were my own because it reflects a lot of what I'm thinking.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 219 was adopted and S.B. No. 897, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, 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, 20; Ayes with Reservations (Chang, DeCoite, Fukunaga, Kim, Lee, McKelvey, Rhoads, San Buenaventura, Wakai). Noes, 5 (Awa, Elefante, Gabbard, Ihara, Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 221 (H.B. No. 1391, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, H.B. No. 1391, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRADE,” was recommitted to the Committee on Conference.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 226 (H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Hashimoto moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 226 be adopted and H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

“This bill originally aimed to help low- and moderate-income property owners cover the cost of upgrading or converting their cesspools by increasing the maximum grant from \$20,000 to \$30,000. It also proposed adding staff to the Department of Health to manage the pilot grant program. But the final version falls short. It only creates one position in the Department of Health. According to the Department of Health cesspool hazard map, Wai'anae is ranked as priority number one, the highest contamination risk. Without the \$10 million of funding that this bill was supposed to provide, now Wai'anae residents are left to shoulder the cost. The state says these cesspool conversions must happen, but my constituents need financial support. Here we find ourselves again with the state overregulating our communities and not providing the support needed. We don't need extra positions; we need extra finances, and so what's going to happen is, if my residents are not in compliance, they're going to get fined. What's going to happen after that is there is going to be a property restrictions and liability. So, with those reasons, Mr. President, I am voting in opposition. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 226 was adopted and H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 228 (H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

Senator Kim moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 228 be adopted and H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

At 1:12 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 228 was adopted and H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 229 (H.B. No. 736, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 229 was adopted and H.B. No. 736, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239 (H.B. No. 1007, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239 was adopted and H.B. No. 1007, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, 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; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella). Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 244 (H.B. No. 795, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hashimoto, seconded by Senator Moriwaki and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 244 was adopted and H.B. No. 795, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 249 (H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 249 was adopted and H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RELATED TO THE MAUI WILDFIRES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 253 (H.B. No. 1482, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 253 was adopted and H.B. No. 1482, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Gabbard). Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 255 (H.B. No. 302, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 255 was adopted and H.B. No. 302, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

The Clerk announced:

"We are turning back to the end-of-calendar item, which was on page 36."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 215 (H.B. No. 958, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 215 was adopted and H.B. No. 958, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, 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, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Rhoads). Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (McKelvey).

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 Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated April 26, 2025, transmitting a Legislative Communication

extending the filing deadline for conference committee reports and conference drafts from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 12, 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. 12, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

"The amendments made to these resolutions were clean-up and aligned with the intent of the resolutions and did not change the underlying substance."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 14, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 180, 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. 180, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

"The amendments made to these resolutions were clean-up and aligned with the intent of the resolutions and did not change the underlying substance."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SHARE INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE OF HELICOPTER AND AIR TOUR OPERATORS TO HELP RESIDENTS AND VISITORS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 197, 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. 197, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

"The amendments made to these resolutions were clean-up and aligned with the intent of the resolutions and did not change the underlying substance."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R.

No. 197, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 21, 2025, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, JULY 1, 2025, AS CANADA DAY, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND HAWAII, THE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND A COMMITMENT TO NEVER AGAIN ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Chang moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Chang then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Chang noted:

"The House draft refers to the efforts of the Affordable Housing Land Inventory Task Force and removes some language identifying specific AMI levels in the preamble, and these amendments are acceptable to us."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT HOUSING TO MEET THE STATE'S DEMAND," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 22, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

"The amendments made by the House were minor in nature, and the advocates wish that the working group move as amended. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN AEROMEDICAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 115 (H.D. 1):

Senator Gabbard moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 15, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 115, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 115, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Gabbard noted:

"We're agreeing to the House amendments that were technical in nature."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 115, and S.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF MARINE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TO ACHIEVE THE STATE'S DECARBONIZATION GOALS," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Keohokalole moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Keohokalole noted:

"The House amendments: They were fine; they added some scope and objectives to the working group. We should pass this working group. Thank you very much."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE TO DETERMINE IF ANY AMENDMENTS OR UPDATES ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE LANDLORD-TENANT INTERACTIONS AND ADDRESS OTHER HOUSING ISSUES," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 2, 2025.

At this time, the Chair announced that all members were to meet in the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:27 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 2, 2025.