

FOURTEENTH DAY

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, convened at 12:01 p.m., with Vice Speaker Mizuno presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Linda Ichiyama, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representatives Har, LoPresti, and Matsumoto participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representative Eli, who was excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Day was deferred.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 113) recommending that H.B. No. 766, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 766, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 114) recommending that H.B. No. 1055, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1055, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Onishi, for the Committee on Labor & Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 115) recommending that H.B. No. 914, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 914, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ganaden rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Wildberger rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative LoPresti rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please register a no vote for me, and brief comments. I just feel that, at a time when the Governor continues to consider pay cuts and furloughs, I just don't know that emergency funds should be allocated to HTA. DLIR needs it for UI processing. DOH needs it for contact tracing. I think we can find better things to do with this money at this time. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 914, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ganaden, Okimoto, and Wildberger voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela, LoPresti, and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Onishi, for the Committee on Labor & Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 116) recommending that H.B. No. 321, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 321, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative DeCoite rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ganaden rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Wildberger rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative McKelvey rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm supporting the bill with reservations. Normally I've been opposed to this, vehemently, but we're broke. We're broke and we're broke. So, as much as it pains me, I'm supporting the bill moving forward because of that, but I have my reservations."

Representative LoPresti rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 321, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives DeCoite, Ganaden, Har, Kapela, LoPresti, Matsumoto, McKelvey, Perruso, Tokioka, and Wildberger voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Okimoto and Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Nakamura, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 117) recommending that H.B. No. 77, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

H.B. No. 77, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Nakamura, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 118) recommending that H.B. No. 502, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 502, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL DISTRICTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Nakamura, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 119) recommending that H.B. No. 605, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 605, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Nakamura, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 120) recommending that H.B. No. 981, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 981, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 121) recommending that H.B. No. 1344, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1344, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 122) recommending that H.B. No. 1243, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1243, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 123) recommending that H.B. No. 574, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 574, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative LoPresti rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Reservations, brief comment. My reservations simply stem from HI-EMA's, I think, very reasonable concerns. Thank you."

Representative Ganaden rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Wildberger rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 574, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, LoPresti, Perruso, and Wildberger voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 124) recommending that H.B. No. 825, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 825, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, no vote. The Governor has got enough powers already and why he needs this one is befuddling to me. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 825, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 125) recommending that H.B. No. 765, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 765, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Quinlan, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 126) recommending that H.B. No. 1324, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1324, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY RENT RELIEF," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Quinlan, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 127) recommending that H.B. No. 723, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and

H.B. No. 723, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PANDEMIC RESPONSE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Yamane, for the Committee on Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness and the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 128) recommending that H.B. No. 1002, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1002, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill, but it leaves desirable what it leaves out. Reservations, because, Mr. Speaker, we have just a matter of miles down the street from us, a company called Oceanit that has an assure-19, which means they can test for COVID-19 in 10 minutes for \$20, and it's this close to being approved. And when we do all this money for all these allocations, for all of these vaccinations, and all these other things, why are we not building our first pharmaceutical industry, which we have the opportunity to and it's just waiting for us? Now we can make it contingent, because they haven't gotten FDA approval, even though they're inches away. Conspicuous in its absence is a phrase that leads to what I'm saying, which is very, very pertinent for the saving of lives and the people in the State of Hawaii."

At 12:11 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:11 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 129) recommending that H.B. No. 680, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 680, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 130) recommending that H.B. No. 306, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 306, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 131) recommending that H.B. No. 727, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 727, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 727, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives McDermott and Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 132) recommending that H.B. No. 474, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 474, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 133) recommending that H.B. No. 718, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 718, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 134) recommending that H.B. No. 309, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 309, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"I'd just like to commend the two chairmen for this, or the co-introducers for this bill. It's very important. To those of us who've lost, for a guy saying it right, lost people to breast cancer. My sister-in-law is in the final throes of this, so I appreciate what they're doing. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 309, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 135) recommending that H.B. No. 314, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 314, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 136) recommending that H.B. No. 310, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 310, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 310, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 137) recommending that H.B. No. 477, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 477, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 477, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Okimoto and Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 138) recommending that H.B. No. 576, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 576, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kitagawa rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative McDermott rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Quinlan rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tokioka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kong rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative DeCoite rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Gates rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kapela rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In strong support and with a brief comment. This bill is about allowing access to young women who don't have access to abortion services on neighbor islands. I wouldn't be sitting in this chair if it wasn't for Planned Parenthood, and I think as legislators and as leaders we need to make sure that we are giving as much access to people as possible to do whatever it is they choose to do with their own bodies. So, thank you for allowing me to speak in strong support of this bill."

Representative Perruso rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In strong support and may I have the words of the Representative from the Big Island entered into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Wildberger rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Kapela be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Holt rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 576, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives DeCoite, Gates, Har, Holt, Kitagawa, Quinlan, and Tokioka voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kong, Matsumoto, McDermott, Okimoto, and Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 139) recommending that H.B. No. 988, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 988, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICES FOR KUPUNA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 140) recommending that H.B. No. 826, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 826, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 826, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Okimoto and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representative McDermott voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 141) recommending that H.B. No. 476, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 476, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 476, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Okimoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives McDermott and Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 142) recommending that H.B. No. 1322, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1322, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 143) recommending that H.B. No. 1174, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1174, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, reservations and some brief comments. First of all, I want to commend the Chair for what he is doing. We chatted before session. It's really exciting, some of the things he's trying to pursue for our state with regard to film production. My only reservation is more of a note to myself, that this kind of lowers it initially, but he explained to me that there are areas of expansion and opportunities, maybe get more people at the table. So, that's good, I'd still like to see the number high, though. So, thank you sir."

Representative Okimoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No vote with a brief comment. Mr. Speaker, I've been speaking from the floor here saying, we've got the strategic advantage of being the Hollywood of the Pacific, at least a billion-dollar industry. This to me, this bill is a one step backwards. We should be promoting it, specifically now, when COVID is rampant in most places and we're looking like we're a safe haven. People are coming here or want to come here, and we should incentivize them rather than disincentivize them.

"And lowering the cap, rather than raising it, should be even higher than it is now, because I think Kentucky, Tennessee, and some of these places that really are not known for anything that's aesthetic, like Hawaii, are beating us out for some of these TV and movie things.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, we've lived off our good looks, this is a good way of using it. But we've got to use our brains in saying, come on guys, don't disincentivize the motion picture. Incentivize them, because we can be the Hollywood of the Pacific. Specifically, this is not rhetoric, we can be the Hollywood of the Pacific if we really put our brains to work and do what we should be doing. And this is not the way we should do it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Quinlan rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In support, Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to say that, just by mere geographical fact, I believe Hollywood is the Hollywood of the Pacific. The intent of this bill is not to disincentivize the film industry, it is to make sure that the Hawaii taxpayer receives maximum value for the credit that it offers.

"And my concern is that for many years we have not been getting maximum value for the credit. We have dished out hundreds of millions of dollars with at times shoddy record keeping. And until we fix some of those issues, I think that it is only appropriate for us to find ways to tweak the tax and also to create more room at the trough.

"You may have noticed that I lowered the cap minimum from \$250,000 to \$50,000 in the hopes of incentivizing more of our local filmmakers, including the graduates that will soon be pumping out of the Academy of Creative Media. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1174, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative McDermott voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Okimoto and Ward voting no, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 144) recommending that H.B. No. 507, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 507, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Reservations, Mr. Speaker, and the only reason is that I just don't know how you can quantify this and I'm not sure if it's plausible moving forward. I appreciate the intent, though."

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"With reservations, Mr. Speaker, brief comment. If I understand this correctly, Mr. Speaker, every time there is a picture of Diamond Head that flashes, we're going to collect money, a royalty. If I'm not understanding that correctly, let me know. Because the way I read it, if there's Diamond Head or if there's Kealahou, where historically Cook and whatever came, what stops then for any time we see the Grand Canyon and Colorado says, well we're going to charge this. Or the Statue of Liberty, every time it shines in a photo, it's going to do that. Is this a standard industry practice or are we getting out of hand because of desire to be so voracious in our need for funds?

"This may be a bad precedent, so I have reservations. But I'd like to see if that is in effect what it is. Every time you see Diamond Head, you're going to do it. Every time you see Iolani Palace, we're going to ding you for more things. Which, again, pushes away people competitively to where we should be attracting them rather than expelling them. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, with reservations."

Representative Todd rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In support. So, I actually think this bill is one of the coolest of the year and one of the most forward thinking. And for the last few years, I've kind of brought up, not on the floor, but in private meetings, the potential for virtual reality tourism and the need to prepare for such a thing. It's really not that far on the horizon, if you look at the advances in technology. And if we're going to continue to benefit from the industry, we're going to need to find ways to capitalize on that industry as it proceeds towards virtual reality. So, I think this is a natural step in that direction, even if that probably wasn't the original intent. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 507, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDIA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives McDermott and Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 145) recommending that H.B. No. 119, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 119, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST KAUNALEWA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Eli being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 146) recommending that H.B. No. 689, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 689, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Wildberger rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 689, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HOUSE OF ALOHA ENTERPRISES LLC," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Wildberger voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Eli being excused.

THIRD READING

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, House Bill No. 356, HD 1 will be deferred one legislative day."

H.B. No. 356, HD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Onishi, for the Committee on Labor & Tourism, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 312, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.B. No. 928, Relating to the Employees' Retirement System;
H.B. No. 930, Relating to Employees' Retirement System Investments;
and
H.B. No. 931, Relating to Employees' Retirement System Benefits.

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>H.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
353	Committee on Government Reform, then to the Committee on Finance
645	Committee on Government Reform, then to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
803	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Finance
1078	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:24 p.m., on motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, February 11, 2021. (Representatives Eli and Holt were excused.)