

TWELFTH DAY

Monday, February 7, 2022

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, convened at noon, with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Linda Clark, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representatives Har, Kitagawa, D. Kobayashi, Lowen, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd, Tokioka, and Wildberger participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey, who were excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 14 through 16) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 14, transmitting S.B. No. 204, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 4, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 15, transmitting S.B. No. 449, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 4, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 16, transmitting S.B. No. 1141, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEARING AND VISION PROGRAM," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 4, 2022.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Okimoto and carried, the following Senate Bills passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey were excused.)

S.B. No. 204, SD 1
S.B. No. 449
S.B. No. 1141, SD 1

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 21-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1414, 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. 1414, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 22-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1412, 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. 1412, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 23-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1413, 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. 1413, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 24-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1632, 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. 1632, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 25-22) recommending that H.B. No. 2016, 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. 2016, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 26-22) recommending that H.B. No. 2288, 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. 2288, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, in support with reservations. I'd like to thank the Chair of Water & Land as well as the author of this measure for their work on this bill. However, my reservations stem from the fact that this parcel of land is located adjacent to Leahi Hospital as well as Kapiolani Community College and would be an ideal place for a center with health as well as education as its focus. And in fact, the UH is in the process of exploring this possibility at the present time. So, with that, I'd simply like to ask that there be further consideration of the best use of this parcel. Thank you very much."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this measure. Anything that adds to the DHHL land allotment allocation is welcome, whether it's transferred from the federal, from the state, from the neighborhood board, from any other place. I think any bill that would obviate that is missing what otherwise for 100 years has been an obviously obfuscation of our responsibility, a breach of trust, if you will, to build Hawaiian homes for the Hawaiians. There are 28,000 on the waitlist, and look, this parcel is only going to make a few units, but at least it's a step forward for DHHL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. With all due respect to the Chair of the Higher Education Committee, the fact that we're looking to transfer land to the Department of Hawaiian Homes is an amazing idea. When is the last time we tried to do it? We're 100 years into the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and where are we at? So, although it is a small parcel with only a few, options for a few units, it's a great step forward."

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

"In strong support. We talk about helping Native Hawaiians and we talk about putting them in the urban core. This measure does exactly that. This lot, even though it wouldn't house many, is next to a community college, next to health services, and this would be a prime spot to put Native Hawaiians and we need to consider that. *Mahalo*."

"Also, the University of Hawaii has been sitting on this lot for many years. Since 2017, they've also testified that they had plans, and nothing has come to fruition. So, it's time for us to act to help Native Hawaiians. *Mahalo*."

Representative B. Kobayashi rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support with reservations. This plot of land, as well as other plots of land around Leahi Hospital, has been unused or underutilized for many, many decades, not years but decades. So, I welcome any opportunity to make better use of this land. I can tell you that over the decades, several ideas have popped up, none have been finalized and near approval."

"On a second note, I would suggest that language be added to the House draft. The current House draft says, 'notwithstanding any law to the contrary.' I would suggest that perhaps the words 'any law or provision to the contrary' be added. One of the main obstacles in use of this land is that the land was executive ordered by the governor to the University of Hawaii. The University of Hawaii claims that since it is a body corporate, only the university can decide what to do with this land. As you know, the University as a body corporate can own and transfer land, a responsibility that is rare in other state agencies. So, the words 'and provision' would incorporate the obstacle of the executive order by the governor."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, also in support and continuing. Contrary to the good gentleman from Diamond Head, this body, the Senate, the House trumps whatever the University is doing. Recall, we used to give them what was called sovereignty or their own autonomy. Given what we have now, we kind of cherry pick what we want to give for autonomy and what we don't. And this piece of land, which again, for the sake of the Hawaii community that's waited 100 years, that is a cheap excuse. 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. 2288, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives B. Kobayashi and Takayama voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 27-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1670, 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. 1670, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 28-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1560, 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. 1560, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 29-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1697, 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. 1697, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Okimoto rose in opposition to the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Okimoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to this measure."

"Mr. Speaker, as written, this is a very broad and undefined policy we would be implementing on our *keiki*."

"Overall, I don't believe that the Legislature has any business creating school curriculum—especially one of such a sensitive nature."

"I believe that a prudent, representative government would consult with parents first and create an open dialogue among parents, administrators, students, and educators. As written, it is a top-down mandate that does not allow parents to have their voices heard."

"I commend the efforts by the Children and Youth Summit attendees, and I believe that a solution can be found through input by parents first and foremost. I look forward to further discussion on this measure moving forward."

"*Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in strong support, permission to insert written comments."

Representative Tam's written remarks are as follows:

"In support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bill that we are debating on the floor today updates our sexual education standards in our public school to be more inclusive of all students. Currently, our standards follow a narrow view that excludes the LGBTQ+ community. A concern has been raised that students are not ready to learn this information and it may be uncomfortable to learn. However, public education aims to ready our students for adulthood. The Legislature should not prevent standards simply because it is uncomfortable because that would be a disservice to our kids and could lead to unintended consequences in this adulthood. It is important to note that Section 3 of the bill requires all programs under this proposal to be medical and factually accurate. I would never vote for a bill such as this unless it is medically and factually accurate."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Reservations, brief comment. I was a no on this bill in committee, and I've really been thinking about it a lot over the last few days. And while I do still have serious reservations about the bill, I realize that ultimately, it's about the kids and how they feel in their environment. I would just like to caution the Legislature and really recommend to the body that we make sure that we consult parents and have them be a big part of whatever it is we're doing. So, thank you very much."

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

"Strong support. Thank you."

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

"In strong support. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to commend my colleague for reconsideration of his vote in committee. And I did want to inform the body that this is a Keiki Caucus priority, it's part of our bill package. And it came to be part of our package as the top priority of the Children and Youth Summit. So, the young people involved in that summit identified this above

even the climate crisis as something that they really felt strongly about. And over the course of the interim and in preparation for session, I've heard a great deal from young people, and all of the response has been supportive across the spectrum. So, thank you for considering this bill and I hope to see it passed. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Matsumoto 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. 1697, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Matsumoto and Quinlan voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Okimoto and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 30-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1799, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1799, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASTHMA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 31-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1775, 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. 1775, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1775, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Okimoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 32-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1705 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. 1705 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Branco 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 an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Marten rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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 Tam 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1705, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Branco, Ganaden, Kapela, Perruso, and Tam voting aye with reservations, with Representative Marten voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 33-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1717 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1717, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 34-22) recommending that H.B. No. 2002, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2002, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 35-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1531 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Tourism.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1531 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Tourism, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Okimoto 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. 1531, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Tourism, with Representative Okimoto voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 36-22) recommending that H.B. No. 2187, 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. 2187, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 37-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1885, 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. 1885, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT DATA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the

Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 38-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1782, 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. 1782, 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 a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tokioka rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. I guess it's a potential conflict, but I would like to ask a point of clarification. I asked for this potential conflict, a ruling on a potential conflict on this bill last session, so does that carry over to this session or we start all over?"

The Chair addressed Representative Tokioka, stating:

"Why don't you restate your potential conflict."

Representative Tokioka continued, stating:

"I work for the local cable company. I work for Spectrum, the local cable company," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict," and that the ruling would extend through *sine die*.

Representative Tokioka continued, stating:

"And so, Mr. Speaker, the other question would be, other bills like that, infrastructure bills or Wi-Fi bills or for every bill, I'd have to ask for the conflict?"

The Chair addressed Representative Tokioka, stating:

"You need to stand up for each bill."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1782, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Okimoto voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 39-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1675, 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. 1675, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Tam rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Tam's written remarks are as follows:

"In support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As vice chair of the House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness, we heard this bill before our committee. The bill was met with diverse supporters from doctors, social workers, teachers, insurance companies, parents, minors, etc. Many of these supporters do not see this as an issue of parental rights but as a new innovative tool to help the state and medical providers combat the ongoing epidemic known as HIV/AIDS."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1675, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 40-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1579, 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. 1579, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a small comment with a no vote and not in support of this. No vote and a brief comment. Mr. Speaker, this bill says, hey look, we tried to make the Hawaii Hospital Service Corporation work. It hasn't worked. Now we're going to do a Hail Mary and we're going to give the hospitals over to the Department of Health. Mr. Speaker, the countless amount of emergency funding that we did to keep our hospitals afloat. Why do we think that if we give it over to government, it's going to work? I'm not going to talk about the rail and the money that they've spent and not spent. And in the hearts and minds of many constituents in this state, are totally incompetent to do it when they can't even have the rails where the tracks fit the wheels, how can we have a hospital system that's going to be run by the government? The government has shown it is not able to run what otherwise should be in the private sector. And this bill is saying, hey, Hail Mary, give it to the Department of Health, and let's see what, this is a crap shoot, is the point, Mr. Speaker, and I don't want to be part of that. Thank you."

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

"I rise in support. I used to work there. It's very under-utilized. And having the Department of Health take it over to have programs that focus on mental health, I know that's something that we really need in my community and we have a shortage of, and that's not something that private hospitals do. So that's something that our Department of Health needs to take over. 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. 1579, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 41-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1711 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1711, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 42-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1655, 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. 1655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 43-22) recommending that H.B. No. 1712, 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. 1712, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 44-22) recommending that H.B. No. 2500, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2500, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Gates, LoPresti, McDermott, and McKelvey being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Hashimoto: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish a belated birthday to our colleague from District 51. Happy Birthday this past Saturday. I hope you have a great day."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.B.

No. **Re-referred to:**

1638 Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:19 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Okimoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, February 8, 2022. (Representatives Gates, LoPresti, Lowen, McDermott, and McKelvey were excused.)