

## THIRTEENTH DAY

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:08 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward, who were excused.

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

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Sayama introduced students from the John A. Burns School of Medicine: Paige Harakuni, Taylor Ho, Dong Yoon Kim, Jiwoo Kim, Philip Lee, Kevin Nguyen, Brent Shimoda, and Kylie Yamauchi; Jenalyn Agena, faculty coordinator; and Dr. Jill Omori, associate professor.

Representative Cochran introduced visitors from Lahaina: Kekai Keahi, Jeremy Delos Reyes, and Paele Kiakona.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 67-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1578, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1578, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 68-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2071, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2071, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia 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. 2071, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHOTO RED LIGHT IMAGING DETECTOR SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 69-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1650, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1650, 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 Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 70-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1651, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1651, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 71-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2514, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2514, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 72-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2642, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2642, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 73-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1838, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1838, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia 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. 1838, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 74-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2216, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2216, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 75-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1772, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1772, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 76-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2539, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2539, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 77-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2087, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2087, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 78-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1773, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1773, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 79-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2722, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2722, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill takes away the court's authority to hold lawbreakers accountable. It removes all fines assessed to minors. I think we're sending a bad message here, that when you break the law there's no penalty attached to it. And one issue was brought up in committee that, well, there are families who can't afford these fines. Well, the court already has set precedents where, if families cannot afford, those kids and families can opt in for community service. So, it's a bill that sends the wrong message to our residents here in Hawai'i. No vote."

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

"No. To reiterate the representative from Kapolei's perspective, this bill is going to repeal the curfew for children in Hawai'i. When I was going door to door in Royal Kunia, one of our constituents asked me to enforce curfew, because sometimes the kids get rambunctious at night. So, we want to make sure that our communities are safe.

"And to reiterate the topic of fines, if somebody is going to commit a crime, they should prepare to serve the time, or in this case, pay the fine. So, I believe that fines are smart in punishing children for doing wrong. As a child being raised in Hawai'i, my parents punished me by fining me when I

did something wrong, and I think that's something that the rest of our children should experience when they break the law."

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

"In opposition. I have stumbled upon a very simple method to avoid fines and court costs. Don't commit crimes. Thank you."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. The data shows, and we do have national and also Hawai'i-specific data that shows that when we do work around the juvenile justice system and seek to address the causes of juvenile engagement with the justice system rather than creating a more strict penal system, we also help to address the school-to-prison pipeline. And I think that it is in the best interest of all of our communities that we do that work as soon as possible."

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

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

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

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Still in opposition. Once again, bad precedent, and we're sending the wrong message. It was mentioned that once again, families who can't afford these things are normally Hawaiian families. I think that's not the right notion to mention for these issues. Once again, the message must be clear that when you break the law, there needs to be a penalty paid. And it makes no sense why just because they're minors, they cannot pay fines. It's called teaching children lessons. You break the law, you pay the fine."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2722, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH FEES AND FINES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Gates, Holt, Kila, Kong, Pierick, and Quinlan voting no, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 80-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1913, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1913, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 81-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1914, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1914, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL," passed

Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 82-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1608, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1608, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a ruling on a potential conflict? My daughter works as a public defender," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1608, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 83-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2570, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2570, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Same request, Mr. Speaker. After the Lahaina fires, many residents were concerned about advertisements from outside law firms working with local counsel to represent victims of the fire. This rule, I think, would better be handled by rules of the Supreme Court and by rules that govern attorneys. For that reason, I'm going to be voting with the reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2570, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ganaden and Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 84-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2359, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2359, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 85-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2113, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2113, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"No vote. This bill establishes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to support pharmacists, workforce assessment, and planning efforts. I think public education is a great idea. I think we should fund people getting smarter. At the same time, there are a lot of smart people in our state without college degrees. We can include truck drivers, plumbers, waitresses, and other service jobs that don't require degrees. These people would be paying taxes towards other people benefiting from a college degree.

"So, I think we should be fair and allow people to pursue education, but in a private capacity. There are members in this body that support scholarships. They use their own funds to create scholarships for private schools, even in the Senate, that happens. So, I support school that is in the private sector where people have to get it without using tax dollars, but just get it because they can apply for a scholarship or things like that."

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

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

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

"In support. Just to clarify, this measure simply creates a special fund and creates a mechanism whereby pharmacists, like many other folks in different medical professions, can collect fees, professional fees, so that they can strengthen and enhance the work of their profession. So, it does not levy a tax on the general public or in any way further burden the general public."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2113, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Alcos voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 86-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1577, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1577, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 87-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1976, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1976, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 88-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1911, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1911, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the

Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 89-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1865, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1865, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. This bill appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City & County of Honolulu for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit. I believe our law enforcement officers need to be well funded and our prosecutors need to prosecute. Right now, we've got criminals roaming the streets that aren't being prosecuted. The police detain them, the prosecutors don't prosecute, and then the judges let them go. So, I hope that these funds go towards hard prosecutions."

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

"No vote, Mr. Speaker. It's been in the news, pretty thoroughly, the differences in opinion in the ways that crime should be prosecuted between the State and the Office of the Prosecutor here in Honolulu County. The prosecutor has declined to prosecute any state crimes, and now they are asking for an increase in funding for career criminals. I don't think that this would have stopped the career criminals like the Kealohas or numerous other individuals that have operated throughout our community with impunity. I think that this is a matter of priorities with the prosecutor, and they have ample funding to prioritize career criminals if they wish to do so."

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. 1865, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ganaden and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 90-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1917, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1917, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 91-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1968, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1968, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 92-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1866, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1866, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 93-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2425, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2425, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 94-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2427, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2427, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 95-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1760, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1760, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 96-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1761, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1761, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 97-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1833, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1833, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 98-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2357, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2357, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 99-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2413, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2413, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 100-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2641, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2641, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 101-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1645, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1645, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE POSITION VACANCIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 102-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1947, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1947, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"No vote. From my understanding, this bill would allow for a 60-year-old to enter the public sector, work as a state employee, and then just work for five years and then get a pension. So, let's say they start at 60, retire at 65, and live to be 80 years old, they're going to get a pension for 15 years. That doesn't seem fair when it comes to *quid pro quo*. They should put in the work and then get the pay. I don't think five years is long enough to get a pension."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1947, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 103-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1946, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1946, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 104-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2197, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2197, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 105-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1642, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1642, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 106-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1945, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1945, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A LEAVE CASH-OUT PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 107-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2070, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2070, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 108-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1889, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1889, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 109-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2658, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2658, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 110-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2254, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2254, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward being excused.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 430, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.B. No. 1613, Relating to Water Catchment;  
H.B. No. 1542, Relating to Land Use;  
H.B. No. 2721, Relating to Wildfire Protection;  
H.B. No. 2472, Relating to the Conservation of Threatened Species;  
H.B. No. 2466, Relating to Public Land Liability;  
H.B. No. 2465, Relating to Regulation of Archeological Activities;  
H.B. No. 2029, Relating to Historic Preservation Reviews;  
H.B. No. 2219, Relating to the Commission on Water Resource Management;  
H.B. No. 2703, Relating to the Administration of the Commission on Water Resource Management;  
H.B. No. 2263, Relating to the East Kauai Irrigation System;  
H.B. No. 2464, Relating to the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program;  
H.B. No. 1907, Relating to Stream Maintenance;  
H.B. No. 2331, Relating to Infrastructure;  
H.B. No. 1929, Relating to Water;  
H.B. No. 1925, Relating to the Hawai'i State Planning Act.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measure on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 325, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.B. No. 2737, Relating to Agriculture.

Representative Gates: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a quick announcement for our House colleagues. On Thursday the 8th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the fourth floor, we will be having Agriculture Day. And so, we have over 60 participants this year. And we are promoting food production and our livestock and farmers across our state. So, please join us on Thursday. *Mahalo*."

#### LATE INTRODUCTIONS

The following late introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Garcia introduced former Representative Karen Awana.

Representative Kila introduced former Representative Karen Awana; and his staff, Kristofer Sniffen and Leslie Gohier.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:29 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 7, 2024. (Representatives Hashem, Kapela, Nakashima, and Ward were excused.)